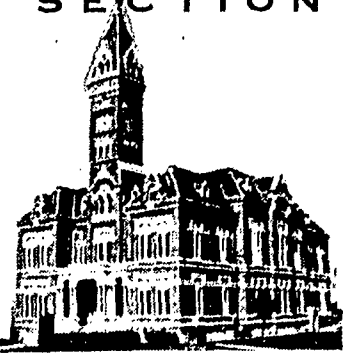


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Puppy pampering. As Spolie, Max and Candy look on, Marty Blacketer brushes Mickey. While the dogs' owners are away, Marty and her husband, William, pamper their canine clients as if they were

their own. The Blacketers have operated their small pet-sitting service for almost 20 years in their home. The busiest time of the year for the service is during the Christmas season.

Dog-sitters establish loyal clients



Pet service brings comfort to owners while they're away

ROB J. BROWN
CHIEF REPORTER

Most dog owners cringe to ship their pet to the kennel while they relax on vacation, but patrons of one local dog-sitting service know their dog is going on vacation too.

For nearly 20 years, Marty Blacketer has made a business out of pampering dogs while their owners are away. There are a few pet-sitters in the area, but Blacketer's is unique in that she takes care of the dogs inside her home.

"The dogs are always just as anxious to go into Marty's as they are to come home," customer Ellen Mothershed said.

Nineteen years ago she started to attract dog owners who couldn't bear to send their pets to the veterinary clinic. Blacketer sympathizes with the owners.

"It's not that the veterinarians aren't kind to the animals or do not

take care of them," Blacketer said. "It's just the thought of them being in a cage all by themselves. To me that's almost cruel."

As a long-time member of the Humane Society, Blacketer is a true pet lover in every sense of the word. She said the pets have personalities of their own that need to be catered to.

Blacketer treats the needs of the dogs to make their stay just like home. She makes sure they get their normal food and finds the usual times they eat, are let out and where they sleep.

"I think they do a great job," customer Richard Fulton said. "They treat the dogs like their own. It's like sending your dog to the baby-sitter."

She said when some of her patrons came to her, they were wary to tell where their dog sleeps because they sleep in the bed. Blacketer said the pets will have to fight to get a spot amongst all of the other dogs.

"They have personalities like their own," Blacketer said. "They just love the attention."

William "Blacky," Marty's husband of 50 years, assists her with the pets. He helps treat the dogs like kings — each evening before the dogs go to

bed they are treated to a piece of cake. For breakfast, he serves them a piece of toast.

"Dogs are smart," Black said. "If they don't get their cake at night, they'll go get one of us."

This pampering has attracted customers to drive hundreds of miles to drop off their dogs. Dogs have also been flown in to be watched while the owners are away. The Christmas season is one of the most hectic times of the year because the Blacketers normally take care of 20 dogs.

She said having so many dogs in the house can be tough, but it's difficult to turn away people in need. Although the couple takes in many dogs over the season, Marty prefers to have fewer pets at a time.

"We can only have so many dogs and give the proper attention they need," she said.

Customers of the Blacketers know how special the service is to them and their dogs. It comes easily for Marty because of her passion for canines.

"What I do is natural because I love animals," she said.

EDUCATION

Board fills presidency

Members hear updates about enhancement programs; approves employee resignations

ROB J. BROWN
CHIEF REPORTER



One night after the bond issue fell for the sixth time, Maryville R-II School Board re-

sumed business.

The board welcomed new members Mark Burnside and Ray Courter and re-elected Rego Jones. The three were sworn in and took the seats of previous members.

The Board and others in attendance honored existing president Marilyn Griffin with a standing ovation after she did not file to be re-elected after two terms. The Board also filled vacancy for David Smith, who lost election for a second term.

In his second term Jones was nominated to serve as president while Bob Martin was picked for vice president.

"Over the next three years, we will be looking at the bond issue," Jones said. "We expect district patrons to participate, have a voice to communicate and have good dialogue. We don't expect anyone to talk to anyone or at anyone — we are going to be talking to people."

After election business, Muriel Zimmerman, director of the School-Aged Child Care Program, updated the Board on the voluntary accreditation and audit conducted in late January.

The program provides a before-and-after-school quality program for elementary school-age children enrolled in the R-II School District.

Don Matthews, senior leader on the MAP 2000 program and middle school social science instructor, shared the status of the state-wide program in the R-II District. The program assists teachers to better assess students and the best way of learning.

"It's going to have a tremendous impact on the way the classroom teachers are going to deliver education," Matthews said.

Bob Lewis, Eugene Field Elementary School principal, recommended the appointment of Mona Bradley as art teacher at the elementary school, which the Board approved.

After one year of service, Walter Anderson, assistant director of Instrumental Music at Maryville High School, resigned. The Board also approved Cory DeLapp as MHS evening custodian.

License Bureau boasts changes

Fast, friendly service become top priorities for Maryville agency

CHRIS TRIEBSCCH
MANAGING EDITOR

Efficient and friendly service is the main goal of the Maryville License Bureau, which is now under the direction of two new faces.

Ruby Pye recently took over as the manager of the license bureau after taking on a job at the license bureau in late October, and Gwyn Julien became license bureau clerk in late February.

The Maryville Chamber of Commerce oversees the license bureau. Judy Brohammer, executive director of the Chamber, describes the new employees as efficient and said the feedback she has received from the community has been positive.

Brohammer said she wants people to receive fast, friendly service at the License Bureau.

"What we are really trying to encourage is people coming in to try our service," Brohammer said. "We are working to make the service the friendliest in town. Let us know if there is something we can do to help."

will soon be able to issue driver's licenses five days a week instead of the usual Thursday and Friday offerings.

Another thing that will aid the bureau in efficient service is they will soon be able to give instant driver's

licenses when they receive the equipment to make licenses in their office. Traditionally, the state has always provided the licenses.

Pye said said her experience on the job has been positive so far.

"It has been interesting," Pye said. "I have been able to meet a lot of interesting people."

Both Pye and Julien said they are committed to satisfying their customers and providing a friendly atmosphere.

For even more efficient service, Brohammer encourages everyone to come in at various times during the week instead of always Thursday and Friday. She said Tuesday is usually the least busy day.

Brohammer also encourages people to avoid

waiting until the last day of the month to take care of licenses. She said this will avoid long lines and people waiting.

In other Chamber news, the legislative luncheon will be at 10 a.m. April 13 at 10. The Chamber needs a head count from everyone wanting to attend lunch.

In other related news, the citywide cleanup is April 12-15. The Methodist Church is assisting the elderly with trash pickup. Anyone needing help can call the church at 582-4821.

cleanup, which is free of charge.

In addition, the Chamber Retail Committee is having a meeting at 7 p.m. April 9 at the Chamber.

All retail members are urged to attend.

Animal shelter seeks privatization

Society, City Council negotiate contract on animal control

CODY L. WALKER
ASSISTANT CITY NEWS EDITOR

A pressing issue that many Maryville residents possibly never considered is making news at recent City Council meetings.

The New Nodaway County Humane Society and the City Council have negotiated a draft of a contract supporting a privatization of the Animal Shelter control duties.

Presently the city owns the shelter, but the contract would move day-to-day operations to the humane society, while the city would still oversee work of the Humane Society.

privatization — to save money or to improve services," David Angerer, city manager, said. "There are some things the government does and does well, and there are some things the private sector does well, and we

should let them do it."

Dixie McGary, new Nodaway Humane Society president, said the idea finds support in a similar program that the city of Chillicothe has with its humane society.

"Chillicothe has a similar program," McGary said. "They have proven that in cooperating with their Livingston County Humane Society that not only can the idea work but all involved benefit, especially the animals."

Quality is an important issue facing the Council, Angerer said.

"That's the most important thing," he said. "The work done is easily measurable — you can tell if you're getting your money's worth. It's something you can see. If the stray dogs are getting picked up or not and if they are humanely treated, then it's

plaints, then it's not."

Meeting public expectations is also important to the Council.

"If the public demands that the dog catcher is a city employee, we won't do what the public doesn't want,"

Angerer said. "I don't think people anywhere care whether or not the dog catcher is a city employee."

McGary said she hopes residents will back the possible change.

"I would hope the community would support this," McGary said. "It's a big change. Our goal is to be open more hours, and be more conducive to the general public with more working man's hours. We would try to have more overall consistency."

Angerer said the prime time for calling a dog catcher is between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.

These are the hours most people return home from working all day and notice the stray dogs or discover that their dog is missing; consequently, it is important for the shelter to be open at that time.

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ing program," Angerer said. "It's important to always look for ways to do better, and this may be one of the ways."

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David Angerer
City manager



Calendar

Thursday, April 4

7 p.m. Friends of the Missouri Wabash Trace Nature Trail meeting at the Maryville High School in the Counseling Center.

Wednesday, April 17

11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Salad & Sandwich Luncheon at the First Christian Church.

Saturday, May 11

10:25 a.m. Apple Blossom 5K Run. Sponsored by St. Joseph Family YMCA.

Friday, May 24

1996 Tobin Benefit Golf Classic at the Mozingo Lake Golf Course. For more information call 562-2600.

Upcoming Events

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings take place at noon Mondays and Thursdays at the Wesley Center.

6 p.m. Mondays and 9 a.m. Saturdays, Overeaters Anonymous at the North Wing dining room at St. Francis Hospital.

Interested in pay-per view cable programming? Call Classic Cable in downtown Maryville for details.

Grass fire



LAURA RIEDEL/Chief Photographer

Fighting the elements. Tim Tobin, volunteer firefighter, fights a grass fire at 1200 College Ave. Tuesday afternoon. The fire reportedly started when charcoals, that were dumped in a field the day before, caught fire in the week's unseasonably warm weather and high winds.

Easter savings surge into city establishments

Downtown businesses back shopping locally throughout holiday

JENNIE NELSON
CHIEF REPORTER

The Heart of the City will celebrate Easter business promotions that will benefit Maryville this week.

Through Saturday, people who shop at participating downtown businesses

will receive a sheet of coupons redeemable at local businesses until April 30.

Sarah Lee Hinckley, Heart of the City secretary, said the group decided to do the promotion to encourage Easter shopping in Maryville.

"We started out as an Easter promotion, but the coupons are good for April," she said.

"We're trying to do different promos because it's more effective when we work together."

Hinckley said the group will not

know until the end of the month how successful the coupon campaign will be.

"We have to keep track of what coupons come back," she said.

"It's been my past experience with coupons that most people wait until right before they expire to turn them in. So we won't know anything until the end of April."

However, Easter is not the only event the Heart of the City has for promoting shopping in Maryville.

At their last meeting, which was



March 19, the group discussed ideas for another

spring promotion.

"We talked about a scavenger hunt for the spring, but we didn't decide on anything then," Hinckley said.

The group also decided they will only meet once a month instead of twice a month.

The next Heart of the City meeting will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 16 at the Greater Area Maryville Chamber of Commerce, 423 N. Market St.

Parks, Recreation Department gears up for summer

Rising temperatures give way to preparing facilities for leagues

TATE SINCLAIR
CHIEF REPORTER

As the temperatures begin to rise and the days become longer, the Maryville Department of Parks and Recreation is preparing the parks for use and the athletic leagues for participation.

Rod Auxier, director of Parks and Recreation, said his workers are currently spending their time readying the parks for use.

"We've been raking the parks and making sure the equipment is ready for the children to use," Auxier said.

Another necessary job is preparing the restrooms for the warm weather crowds.

"We've got to make sure the restrooms are ready for use," Auxier said. "Since the lines are filled with anti-freeze to make sure they don't freeze during the winter, it's rather a time-consuming project."

The most extensive work has been done on Sisson-Eek Park, located at Mulberry and Lincoln streets.

"We've had some problems with the bathrooms flooding," Auxier said. "So, we raised the floor of the restrooms. We also put in some new sidewalks to the restrooms and put down new material under the swings, which we put new seats on."

Along with the parks, Auxier's team has been grooming the softball

fields and tennis courts for play.

"The infields have all been raked and smoothed," Auxier said.

"The leaves in the outfields have all been raked, along with the fences in the field."

The tennis courts and basketball courts have also been cleaned.

"The high school team uses the tennis courts for practice," Auxier said.

"So we've cleaned those, along with the basketball courts ... Everything should be completely ready to go by the first of May."

Along with the preparations the department is making to the parks and athletic fields, Auxier's group is preparing summer leagues, such as mens' and womens' softball and co-ed summer volleyball.



ADULT SOFTBALL:

Registration — April 8-19
League begins — May 6
Entry fee — \$65 team fee, \$10 player fee for residents, \$13 player fee for non-residents

SAND VOLLEYBALL:

Registration — May 6-17
League begins — June 3
Entry fee — \$50 team fee, \$10 player fee for residents, \$13 player fee for non-residents

SIZZLIN' HOOPS:

Registration — April 22-26
Coaches' meeting — May 29
Games begin — June 3
Entry fee — \$25 per player, resident or non-resident

COED SOFTBALL:

Registration — July 1-12
League begins — July 29
Entry fee — \$65 team fee, \$10 player fee for residents, \$13 player fee for non-residents

• For more information on the 1996 season, call 562-2923.

InBrief

City board positions open for applicants

The Maryville City Council is currently accepting applications for city board positions.

The various boards participate in planning and making recom-

mendations toward city government policies.

The following is a list of boards currently seeking appointments: Nodaway County Extension, Planning and Zoning Commission, Special Business District No. 1, Special Business District No. 2, Park and

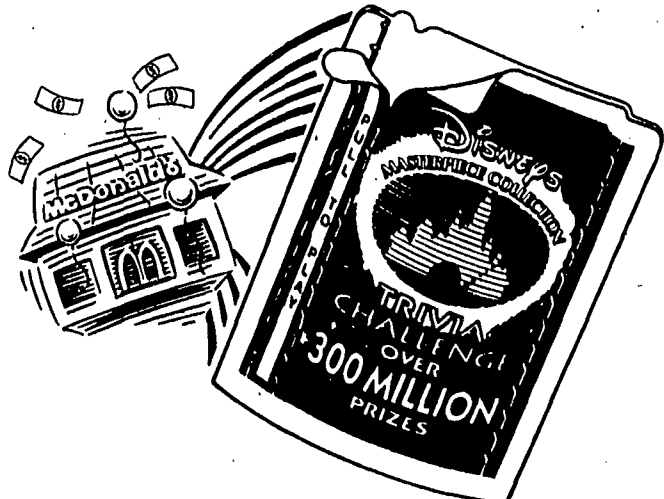
Recreation, Board of Zoning Adjustment, Housing Authority, Board Code of Appeals, Cemetery, Library, Mozingo Recreation, Airport and Planting.

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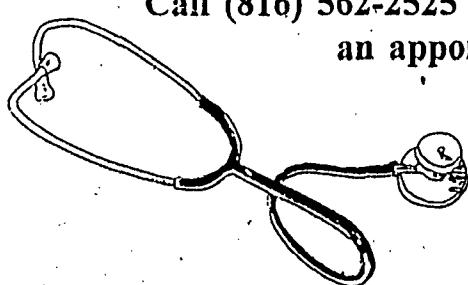
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Dr. Watson is returning to her native Northwest Missouri roots to bring her expertise in pediatric care to your children. After receiving her medical degree from the University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio, Texas, and completing three years of pediatric training at Medical Center Hospital, San Antonio, and an additional six years of caring for children at Santa Rosa Children's Hospital, San Antonio, Dr. Watson has returned to rural Missouri to join the medical staff at St. Francis Family Health Care.

Dr. Watson cares for children from newborns through age 17. St. Francis Family Health Care is taking appointments now.

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ARBOR DAY

City to promote holiday planting

"We're having the children plant the trees to represent that, just like small seedlings, children need nurturing and care to grow into a strong adult."

Anne Davies
Social service administrator

Headstart Program instills in children tree appreciation

TATE SINCLAIR
CHIEF REPORTER

Most people will not get to stay home and celebrate Arbor Day this year, but there are activities for Maryville residents who have free time Friday.

Mayor Jerry Riggs will be reading and signing a proclamation Friday morning, but that is just the beginning of the day's festivities.

Starting in the morning, the Home Based Headstart Program, in conjunction with several agencies and area businesses, will plant two trees in Beal Park.

Anne Davies, a social service administrator, said her group will be planting trees Friday to celebrate Arbor Day and the upcoming Week of the Young Child.

"We're having the children plant the trees to represent that, just like small seedlings, children need nurturing and care to grow into a strong adult," she said.

Davies will be splitting the 24 kids in the program into two groups for the tree planting. One group will plant in the morning, while the other will plant in the afternoon.

The Headstart program will receive help or donations from the Missouri Conservation Commission, the Maryville Park and Recreation Department and the Maryville Wal-Mart.

Davies described the overall goal for the program.

"We are just like any other Headstart program," Davies said. "We are here to educate children as well as to teach them social skills and make them aware of health and nutrition issues."

Davies said they do this by creating a bond between educator and child.

"By creating that one-on-one bond, it becomes much easier to reach the child," she said. "And, therefore, much easier to teach them."

But there is a difference between Home Based Headstart and regular Headstart programs.

"With so many children living outside the city limits, it is difficult for them all to be transported into town," Davies said. "So we have educators go to the children and teach them in their home. We do have some special events that they come to town for, however."

Davies said anyone wishing to help in the tree planting or with any aspect of Headstart should call her at Community Services which is located at 214 West Third St. The number is 582-3113.

Green thumbs galore



LAURA RIEDEL/Chief Photographer

The flower lady. Taking advantage of the warm weather Wednesday afternoon, Virginia Pivaler clips some mums in her garden at 1118 E. Fourth St. Pivaler is also a member of the Maryville Garden Club, which cares for Perkins Memorial Garden in Judah Park on West Edwards and Dunn streets.

SHELTER

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McGary hopes to improve the relationship between the community and the shelter.

"We want to work toward improving the relationship between 'dog pound' versus 'shelter,'" McGary said. "We want it to be seen as a positive place and not 'a sentence to death.' We want people to see that it can be a healthy environment that gives hope and love to the animals."

Angerer said there are a few downfalls to privatization.

"The cons are always a little loss of control," he said. "You're suddenly dealing with people who aren't city employees, (and) you can't threaten their jobs; it's sharing authority," Angerer said.

He said there is no perfect combination.

"It's like a marriage: in the beginning you promise to love," Angerer said. "In good marriages you don't

anticipate all the problems and just go day to day with things. In bad marriages you get divorced. If this contract doesn't work, the city will take control over it again."

McGary said she hopes the public becomes involved and supports the changes.

"This could be a very, very positive change, but in the end it would be the most positive for the animals, and that is what counts," McGary said.

'Li'l Abner' to grace stage

MHS musical play will feature singing, dancing, laughing

SUSIE MIRES
SENIOR REPORTER

The curtain is about to go up on the Maryville High School production of the musical comedy Li'l Abner.

Three performances of the show will be offered next week, starting with a 9 a.m. performance on Thursday, followed by 7 p.m. shows on Friday and Saturday.

Tickets are \$2 for students and \$3 for adults.

"It moves along at a really fast pace," instructor Janet Jelavich said. "It has a lot of energy, and there is a

lot of interaction among the characters."

Jelavich, who is directing the drama and overseeing production, said the musical involves about 75 students and several instructors.

"We've spread it out more this year, so we're using more talent and getting more people involved," she said.

The cast began practicing three times a week after auditions in January. Dress rehearsals begin Monday.

The leading characters are Nathan Mayes as Li'l Abner, Ashley Dougan as Daisy May and James Melton as Marryin' Sam.

Jelavich said the play also has several comic bit parts.

One such show stealer may be Speedy McRabbit, played by Dallas Archer.

The script is based on the Li'l

Abner comic strip, and was first performed in the 1960s.

"We've tried to update some of the jokes," Jelavich said. "That has been fun because we've let the cast make some of those changes."

The musical will feature singing, dancing and a pit orchestra, conducted by Dennis Dau. Marilyn Rhea directs the vocal portion of the program.

The set and props are under the direction of art instructor Brian Lohafier.

Jelavich said the performance may include a live pig, depending on how dress rehearsals run.

Stage director Karen Sovereign said the musical offers the essentials for an evening of entertainment.

"It has some very talented students," she said. "The singing, dancing and acting skills are really good."

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Police Reports

These reports are taken from the official reports that Maryville Public Safety and the Nodaway County Sheriff's Department receive.

■ March 20 - A report was taken from the Junction T gas station and mini-mart in Burlington Junction regarding a theft. Food items were taken. No loss value was given.

■ March 21 - Officers investigated a report of assault and property damage in rural Clearmont.

■ March 22 - Officers investigated a report of animal abuse at Thunderbird Estates.

■ March 22 - Fire units responded to a grass fire in the 1200 block of College Avenue. The fire was extinguished with approximately one-fourth of an acre of grass being burned. The fire started when a man was burning trash, which was then spread by the wind.

■ March 23 - A principal at the Nodaway Holt School District in Graham reported the theft of gasoline from a bus. After investigation, David L. Dye, 17, of Graham, was arrested for stealing and was released on bond. A juvenile was also involved so the report was forwarded to the Juvenile Officer.

■ March 23 - Officers took a report of a domestic disturbance in Elmo.

■ March 25 - Steven L. Blacketer, 30, of Hopkins, was arrested on a probation and parole warrant.

■ March 26 - Tammy S. Thomason, 20, of Skidmore, was arrested for failure to appear. She was released after posting bond.

■ March 26 - A Maryville female reported she had been receiving harassing phone calls.

■ March 26 - An officer took a report from a Maryville male who reported the theft of the following items: two Black Max fishing reels, two Quantum Tour reels, four Rhino fishing rods, five Zebco rods, one Minn Kota electric trolling motor and two tackle boxes (one brown and one gray) and their contents. The total loss value was \$980.

■ March 26 - An officer took a report from a Pickering male who reported he was being threatened and harassed by another male subject.

■ March 27 - A Maryville male reported he had been receiving harassing phone calls.

■ March 27 - A 1992 Ford was towed from the 300 block of North Market where it was illegally parked.

■ March 29 - Fire units responded to a vehicle fire in the 600 block of East Seventh. Upon arrival the fire was in the engine. The fire was extinguished with damage to the engine compartment. The cause of the fire was oil leaking onto the engine.

■ March 29 - An officer received a complaint from a local business that a female had left without paying for \$10 worth of gasoline.

■ March 29 - A Maryville female reported she was being harassed by a male subject.

■ March 29 - An officer on patrol in the 200 block of North Main observed a vehicle pull out from a parking stall in front of another vehicle. The vehicle was stopped, and the driver was identified as Paul W. Moore, 32, of Maryville.

While talking with him, an odor of intoxicants was detected, and he was asked to perform field sobriety tests, which he failed. He was arrested for driving while intoxicated after his blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. He was also issued a citation for failure to yield.

■ March 29 - Officers responded to the 300 block of East Third in reference to a loud party. Upon arrival, they observed several people with alcoholic beverages in their possession. Contact was made with the occupants: Stephanie G. McIntyre, 21, Cindy S. Mueller, 21, and Crista A. Bamfield, 21. The party was shut down, and the occupants were issued summonses for permitting a peace disturbance. The following individuals were issued summonses for minor in possession: Gregory S. Mullins, 18, Amy K. Key, 20, Paula L. Jack, 20, and

Joshua P. Patton, 18, all of Maryville.

■ March 29 - Officers responded to a complaint of a loud party in the 700 block of North Mulberry. Upon arrival they observed several people, some attempting to leave by the back door. Contact was made with the occupants who were identified as Amanda M. Speichert, 20 and Carrie L. Ordway, 19. They received a summons for minor in possession and for permitting a peace disturbance on their property.

■ March 29 - Anthony C. Gargano, of Fort Dodge, Iowa, began to make a left turn and entered the path of Douglas G. Spire, of Maryville. Gargano was cited with failure to yield.

■ March 29 - Sheila R. Swafford, of Novinger, was headed east on Third near the intersection of Third and Dewey when she saw a Maryville male juvenile attempt to cross the road in front of her vehicle. Swafford attempted to stop but was unable to do it in time. The juvenile received evident but not disabling injuries and was transported to St. Francis Hospital. No citations were issued.

■ March 30 - A Maryville female reported the theft of her purple, blue and black Mickey Mouse bag, which contained numerous items.

■ March 30 - A Maryville male reported the right rear tire of his vehicle was cut while it was parked at his residence.

■ March 31 - A Maryville male reported the theft of a Sony Play Station video game player and hook-ups from his residence after he had a get-together. The loss value was \$275.

■ March 31 - A fire unit stood by at St. Francis Hospital for a Life Flight. The helicopter landed, and took off without incident.

■ March 31 - A vehicle owned by Jessica Whaley, of Anthony, Kan., was struck by a hit-and-run driver while it was parked on private property.

Obituaries

Leota Pearl Burson

Leota Pearl Burson, 92, of Maryville, died Wednesday, March 27, at the Nodaway Nursing Home in Maryville.

She was born Dec. 16, 1903, to Edgar and Norma Litter, of Milo.

Survivors include three sons, Orlando Burson, Robert Burson and Earl Burson; and two daughters, Betty Martin and Pearl Fremont.

Services were Saturday at Price Funeral Home Chapel in Maryville. Burial was at Nodaway Memorial Gardens in Maryville.

Arda T. Slocum

Arda T. Slocum, 95, of Stanberry, died Sunday, March 31, at Maryville Health Care Center in Maryville.

She was born Dec. 8, 1900, to George B. and Adrena Kelley, of Norton County, Kan.

Survivors include several nieces and nephews, including Dixie Hasty, of Maryville.

Services were Tuesday at Johnson Funeral Home in Maryville. Graveside services were at St. Patrick's Cemetery in Maryville.

Helen Kimmel

Helen Kimmel, 87, of Maryville, died Wednesday, March 27, at the Golden Years Nursing Home in Harrisonville.

She was born Dec. 15, 1908, to Jasper and Julia O'Dell, of Bigelow.

Survivors include one daughter, Peggy Caughron; and two sons, Billy Bob Kimmel and Jerry Joe Kimmel.

Services were Friday at the Price Funeral Home Chapel in Maryville. Graveside services and burial were at the Mount Hope Cemetery in Mound City.

Merlin A. Collinsworth

Merlin A. Collinsworth, 102, of Stanberry, died Sunday at Heartland East Hospital in St. Joseph.

He was born Sept. 13, 1893, to John and Leona Collinsworth, of Martinsville.

Survivors include one grandson, Leland Corley; one great-granddaughter, Allison Corley and one sister, Alpha Collinsworth.

Services were Wednesday at Price Funeral Home Chapel in Maryville.

Burial was at Oak Lawn Cemetery.

Births

Danielle Marie Henry

David and Judy Henry, of Blockton, Iowa, are the parents of Danielle Marie, born March 26 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She weighed 7 pounds and 13 ounces.

Grandparents are Bernie and Boots Ecksteiw, of Stanberry; and Dick and Kate Henry, of Conception Junction.

Caleb Ralph Murphy

Sherry Cole and Bill Murphy Jr., of Stanberry, are the parents of Caleb Ralph, born March 26 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 9 pounds and 10 ounces.

He joins two brothers and one sister at home.

Grandparents include Gene and Lora Cole, of Mankato, Minn.; and Bill and Carol Murphy, of Albany.

Logan James Catlett

Tim and Amy Catlett, of Maryville, are the parents of Logan James, born March 17 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces.

Grandparents are Bob and Joyce Turner, of Winigan; Rex and

Debbie Fletchall, of Agency; and James and Sandra Catlett, of Green City.

Shayna Jo Dougan

Randy and Brenda Dougan, of Ravenwood, are the parents of Shayna Jo, born March 25 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She weighed 8 pounds and 2 ounces.

She joins one sister at home.

Grandparents are J.W. and Clara Harding, of Allendale; and Kenny and Verlene Dougan, of Ravenwood.

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921 E. Third
582-2623
9:30 a.m. Sunday school
10:20 a.m. Sunday worship
6 p.m. Sunday worship
7 p.m. Wednesday Bible study

Church of Christ

217 E. Sixth
582-8089
9:30 a.m. Sunday school
10:30 a.m. Sunday worship
6 p.m. midweek worship
7 p.m. Wednesday Bible study

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

1721 S. Munn
582-8536
10 a.m. Sunday school
10:50 a.m. Priesthood and Relief Society
11:50 a.m. Sacrament

Church of Nazarene

1139 S. Munn
562-2420
9:45 a.m. Sunday school
10:45 a.m. Sunday worship
6 p.m. Sunday evangelistic service
7 p.m. Wednesday Bible study

Countryside Christian Church

West 16th & Country Club Road
582-8872
9:30 a.m. Sunday school
10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. regular worship
10:30 a.m. junior worship
7 p.m. Sunday group
6 p.m. Wednesday men's prayer group
7 p.m. Wednesday women's Bible study

First Baptist Church

121 E. Jenkins
562-2616
9:30 a.m. Sunday school
10:45 a.m. Sunday regular worship (broadcast on KNIM)
6:30 p.m. Wednesday prayer meeting
7 p.m. Sunday worship

First Christian Church

201 W. Third
582-4101
9 a.m. Sunday church school
8 a.m. and 10:25 a.m. Sunday worship

First Presbyterian Church

211 S. Main
582-4257
9 a.m. Sunday school
10:30 a.m. Worship

First United Methodist Church

102 N. Main
582-4821
8 and 10 a.m. Worship
9 a.m. Sunday school
5-6:30 p.m. Sunday youth group

Hope Lutheran

931 S. Main
582-3262
9 a.m. Sunday school and Bible study
10 a.m. Worship
Holy Communion first and third Sundays

Laura Street Baptist Church

120 S. Laura
582-4773
8:15, 10:40 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday worship
9:45 a.m. Sunday church school
7 p.m. Wednesday youth group and Bible study

Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

415 W. First
582-2651
9:45 a.m. Sunday church school
10:45 a.m. Worship
7 p.m. Wednesday Fellowship

St. Gregory's Catholic Church

333 S. Davis
582-3833
5-6 p.m. Saturday confessions
6 p.m. Saturday Mass
7:30, 9 and 11 a.m. Sunday Masses
7 a.m. and 8:05 a.m. weekday Masses

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

901 N. Main
582-5832
10:30 a.m. Sunday school and Holy Eucharist
5:30 p.m., Wednesday mid-week Holy Eucharist

Temple Baptist Church

1604 N. Main
582-2992
10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday worship
7:30 p.m. Wednesday Bible study

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Assembly of God First Church
Saturday - 7 p.m. "Treasures in Heaven"
Sunday - 10:30 a.m. Service

Baptist Student Union
Friday - 7 a.m. Easter breakfast for all faculty and students

Christian Campus House
Sunday - 11 a.m. Easter Service in the University Club North

Church of the Nazarene
Sunday - 8 a.m. breakfast
10:45 a.m. worship

Countryside Christian Church
Sunday - 7:30 a.m. Sunrise Service
8:30 a.m. Breakfast

First Baptist Church
Thursday - 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday service

First Christian Church
Maundy Thursday - 7 p.m. Service
Easter Sunrise Service - 6:30 a.m.; breakfast will follow
Regular Sunday worship - 8 a.m. and 10:25 a.m.

First Presbyterian Church
Monday-Thursday - 7 p.m. Service
Sunday - 10:30 a.m. Easter Cantata

First United Methodist Church
Thursday - 7:30 p.m. Candlelight Communion ("Tenebrae")
Friday - 7:30 p.m. Way of the Cross
Saturday - 7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil
Sunday - 6:45 a.m. Sunrise Service
8 and 10 a.m. services

Hope Lutheran
Good Friday - 7 p.m. Service
Sunday - 6:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service

Laura Street Baptist Church
Friday - 7 p.m. Easter musical drama at the Church. Admission is free
Sunday - 7:30 a.m. Sunrise services
10:40 a.m. Easter musical drama

St. Gregory's Catholic Church
Holy Thursday - 7:30 p.m. Mass with washing of the feet
Good Friday - 7:30 p.m. Liturgy service with veneration of the cross
Holy Saturday - 7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday - Mass at 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Wesley Center
For students not going home for Easter, the Wesley Center will be open to play pool or ping-pong.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Thursday - 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday service and Holy Eucharist
Good Friday - 5 p.m. Liturgy service
Saturday - 8 p.m. Easter Vigil service
Easter Sunday - 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist; special music by Pam Graham, Kevin Johnson and Amanda Graham, St. Paul's Singers

ALITA

Northwest's first lady devotes life to service

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growing up. She also expressed the family's love of reading — a tradition that was passed down.

Lowe said her mother keeps up with today's women despite a lack of opportunities.

"As a woman, I had many more opportunities than she ever had and yet she has kept up," Lowe said.

The wife of a university president plays a big role in that she must not only manage the affairs of the house, but she must also be ready to invite several guests a year into their home.

"His (Hubbard's) schedule runs mine," Alita said. "In fact, I schedule nothing outside of working hours, even for myself, without checking with Susan (Hubbard's secretary who keeps the master calendar)."

Because their home, the Thomas Gaunt house on Fourth Street, is a historical building and often the place she welcomes guests to the University, the home needs constant upkeep. Alita said she loves having the opportunity to meet so many people, but dinner parties and receptions take a lot of work.

"It takes us all day to get the house ready for a dinner because we move a lot of furniture," Alita said. "It takes all the next day to put it all back."

She said there are many unexpected circumstances make her job more interesting at times.

The work she does to make her guests comfortable, such as making sure the food served is not a problem for the guest, is not something that

goes unnoticed.

"She refuses to be intimidated," Gieseke said. "There's always unexpected instances that come up that you have to deal with. She never seems to be flustered by that. She's very calm."

Alita said Maya Angelou was her most memorable guest, but the ones who capture her heart are the alumni.

"The most exciting guests, in general, are the alums who come back," Alita said. "That is what makes my job and my husband's job fun. It's the alums and the students on campus."

Alita said she doesn't mind managing the household and making Hubbard's life as worry-free as possible.

"I am happy to do that because anything I can do at home to make his life easier makes it easier for him at work," she said.

On top of everything else Alita does, some semesters she finds the time to enroll in classes at Northwest. She has taken art classes as well as writing classes.

"I haven't finished college," Alita said. "That was a choice I made, inadvertently perhaps, many years ago when we were in college. We married in college. ... When I got married, my husband was going into the ministry, and we just thought if I knew how to play the piano and organ, it was all that was needed."

Alita said she still might finish college, but she has a strong desire to learn. It's more than just taking classes to her.

"It's very stimulating and that's



Now where does this piece go?
Northwest's first lady, Alita Hubbard, and her grandson, Charlie, put together a puzzle in the Thomas Gaunt House. Alita calls herself an "unpaid public servant" and is happy doing what she does as the University President's wife.

GENE CASSELL/
Campus Sports Editor

the reason I do it," she said. "I want to grow old gracefully, and I think one way to do that is to be stimulated mentally."

A few years ago, Alita took Paul Falcone's introduction to graphic art class.

"She's a non-traditional student," Falcone, associate professor of art said. "I find that non-traditional students generally are very highly motivated — she was one of them."

"I think she had a lot of desire to do well, and she brings a lot of energy to the work that she does in class.

She's willing to work hard and put the effort into what she's doing to get good results out of it."

Falcone also noted how, as a student, Alita likes to participate. Even her daughter Melody said she didn't do anything halfway.

"She was always fun to work with and full of questions and always had good comments and was thoughtful about what she was doing, and was willing to speak up and make comments," Falcone said.

Alita says she always wanted to make a difference in people's lives.

"I just figured I wanted to do something that was helpful," Alita said. "However, I ended up, would it be that somebody else was better off because they had met me?"

Hubbard's description of his wife leads us to believe that she has accomplished just that.

"The greatest strength in her role at the University is her ability to listen and make people feel comfortable," Hubbard said.

He said this ability is not a contrived act she puts on for every guest. "She can genuinely engage people

in a conversation and listen very carefully to what they say and react," he said. "She's not doing this as a sham, and they go away feeling important."

Some people might believe that Alita's behavior is politically motivated, but she is sincerely interested in supporting her children, husband and anyone else who might cross her path.

"I feel like it's a real privilege to be a president's wife and live in a beautiful home," she said. "Alta, I'm just delighted for my job — and I consider it a job."

Sluggers win 2nd MEC game



GREG DALRYMPLE/Assistant Photography Director

Just make contact. Junior first baseman Ryan Jones lays down a bunt during Thursday's game against Smithville.

The 'Hounds lost the game 8-1 in their first loss off season. However, the 'Hounds are 2-0 in MEC play.

JASON SMITH
MISSOURIAN STAFF

The Maryville High School baseball team upped its record in the Midland Empire Conference to a perfect 2-0 and its overall record to 4-1 Tuesday with a 12-4 blasting of Cameron High School.

The Spoofhounds did not score in the first two innings, but then racked up three runs in each of the next four innings to bury the Dragons. By the top of the seventh inning, Maryville had already mounted a 12-1 lead.

"We're hitting the ball real well right now," head coach Brian Lohafer said.

Seniors Mason Chesnut, Brian Wilmes, Ryan Jones, Jeremy Dorrel, and sophomore Grant Sutton each had two hits for the Spoofhounds.

Wilmes earned his first win of the year by mowing down Cameron batters for the first six innings.

"I was real pleased with Brian Wilmes' pitching since Dave (Merrill) has been the only pitcher to get a win so far," Lohafer said. "And then Grant Sutton did real good in relief. Plus we played really good defense behind them."

Pitching and defense were the keys again as Maryville earned a victory in its first MEC game Friday with a 5-2 triumph over Lafayette.

Junior Dave Merrill earned his third win of the season by allowing just two runs in four and one third innings despite working on just two days rest.

Senior Justin Coulter pitched shutout ball the final 2 2/3 innings to pick up the save.

The Spoofhounds earned four of their five runs in the top of the third inning with some help from the Fighting Irish. Lafayette gave up four walks in the inning, and a dropped fly ball with two outs off the bat of Brad Simmons scored two runs and kept the rally alive.

Maryville suffered its only defeat of the year Thursday in an 8-1 drubbing by Smithville High School.

Smithville broke a 1-1 tie in the top of the third with six runs on five hits, two errors, two walks and a wild pitch to break the game open.

Sutton took the loss by allowing three runs before junior Bobby Gumm came on in relief.

"I didn't put one of our ace pitchers on the mound because we had a conference game the next day," Lohafer said.

The offense did not give the pitching much support, loading the bases in the second and third innings with just one out and failing to cash in on a favorable situation.

"I hoped our offense would keep us in it, but we just weren't in it," Lohafer said. "I don't know what happened."

The Spoofhounds start a four-game homestand at 4 p.m. Thursday with a game against Benton High School.

TimeOut

Historic event revives the love of baseball fans



CHRIS GEINOSKY

Umpire leaves legacy for people to follow

Even a year and a half after the season-ending strike, people still hold a grudge against baseball, refusing to accept it as the "national pastime."

Yet, opening day remains one of America's most recognizable days of the year.

People from all over the country and of all ages, races, and nationalities go to the ballpark to watch the game they truly love.

But do they really love it anymore?

On Monday, those same people may have felt that love for the first time since they had lost it two years ago. I did anyway.

The time was 2:11 p.m. at Cincinnati's Riverfront Stadium. A total of 53,000 cheering fans came to see the Reds play host to the Montreal Expos on opening day.

Excitement was in the air but that came to a halt when 51-year-old home-plate umpire John McSherry suffered a heart attack in the top of the first inning after just seven pitches had been thrown.

The whole stadium turned quiet to see what had happened to the 25-year National League veteran.

A medical crew quickly rushed to McSherry, and the official was taken to the hospital while the players of the two teams decided not to continue the game.

An hour later at University Hospital, McSherry was pronounced dead from an irregular heartbeat.

I think this tragedy is felt by everyone in one way or another.

For everyone, we say goodbye to a longtime umpire (one who has officiated Major League Baseball for more years than I have spent on this planet).

Only seven umpires have been selected into the Baseball Hall of Fame, none of which have participated in the sport after the 1940s, but for some reason, I have a feeling we will be adding McSherry's name to that short list.

For me, I realize how quickly something as simple as baseball can disappear as I once again take it for granted.

I remember taking the yearly trip to the ballpark with my dad; sitting, watching, and enjoying myself as I cheered my favorite team on.

And how can you forget sitting behind the home team's dugout, eating a hot dog and having Dad right there helping you keep score?

Those are the memories you just do not forget. For some though, those memories do not even exist.

But one thing is for sure.

The chance to relive those memories is not very good. Jealousy — that is the first thought that comes to my mind if you have that opportunity.

Everyone is guilty of taking things for granted, but does that mean we have to continue to do it?

We always have time to change, but it always seems to take a tragedy for us to realize a change is necessary.

Baseball has been a part of my life since I can remember, and yes, I was mad at the players for what they did to the fans and the sport two summers ago.

Now I look at what baseball has been to me, and I realize that it has been more than collecting baseball cards and autographs. It has been a love, a passion and a desire that is indescribable.

The sad thing is that I had to take it for granted before I realized what it really means to me.

Chris Geinosky is a sports writer for the Northwest Missourian.

Spoofhound track squads fare differently

COLIN MCDONOUGH
CHIEF REPORTER

The Maryville boys' track team continued its winning ways Tuesday, while the girls' team struggled a bit.

The girls found the going a little rough in Iowa on Tuesday at the Clarinda Relays at Clarinda High School.

The 'Hounds finished fifth out of eight teams with 48 team points. Atlantic (Iowa) won the meet with 130 points.

Senior Sara Keever was the lone winner for the Spoofhounds as she posted a school record in the shot put. Keever broke her own school record with a toss of 38 feet and 10 1/2 inches.

Jeff Martin, head girls coach, said the team did well in some areas, but overall, they still need to get better.

"We saw some improvements, and we had some areas that regressed," he said. "It's early and we'll get better."

Martin said the team did well in the overall competition.

"I thought we did pretty well against some tough competition," he said. "I have heard that this is always a really good meet."

Junior Val Steins continued her early season success with two second place finishes in the 800 meter run and the 1500. Senior Stacey Otte also finished in second place in the 3000.

The boys' team was able to come from behind and win its triangular with the Tarkio Academy and Chillicothe High School Tuesday at Maryville High School.

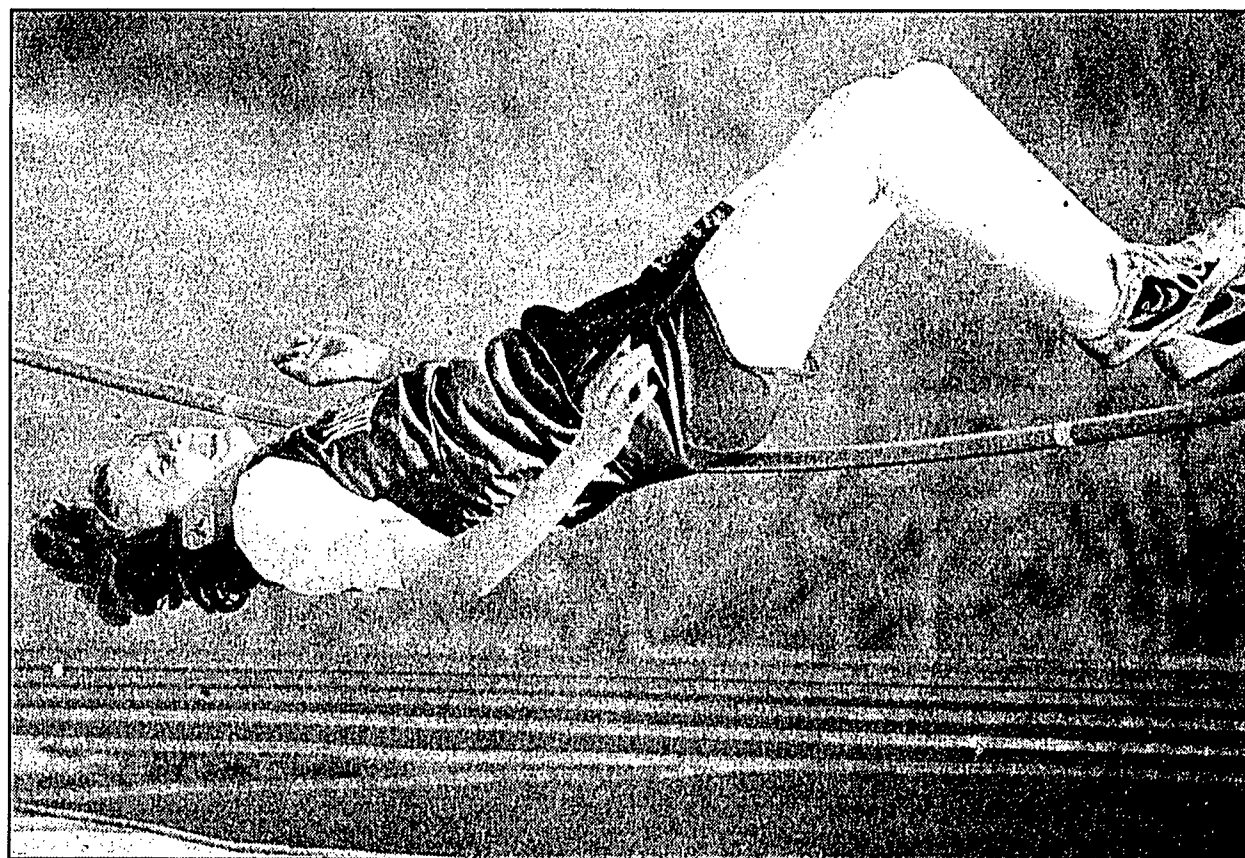
The 'Hounds scored 79 team points, barely edging out Chillicothe's 75 points. Tarkio came in a distant third with 32 points.

Mike Thomson, head boys' coach, said that one of the keys to the meet was the performance of his younger athletes.

"This meet makes the freshmen realize they can compete," he said. "With freshmen, you learn new things every meet."

Thomson said the biggest key to the team's victory came in the 800-meter run with freshman Mark Slater.

"Slater showed some guts," he said. "He went out and did



Up and over. Sophomore Jili Middleton scales the high jump bar in a meet last Thursday. The girls' track team

exactly what he should have done."

Slater finished second to sophomore John Otte in the 800. Otte finished with a time of 2 minutes 13.52 seconds, while Slater ended with a time of 2:14.35.

Otte also won the mile run with a clocking of 5:15.49.

Senior Jeff Edmonds took care of business in his three races, 110 hurdles, 300 hurdles and the 4x400 relay garnering first place in all three events.

Edmonds said the meet is a good measuring stick as to how well the 'Hounds are doing at this point in the season.

"The team has already improved in a lot of areas so far this season," he said. "It gives us a good idea of where we are and shows us how much work we need to do."

Maryville earned a majority of points in the field events.

Junior T.J. Hennigan won the pole vault with relative ease by vaulting 12-6. Thomson said Hennigan qualified for state last by jumping the same height.

Hennigan said part of the reason he has already reached his

won last Thursday but did not finish as well, Tuesday as they could only finish fifth out of eight teams.

height of last year is because of some new equipment.

"I got a new pole and that has helped me," he said. "I need to get a little more practice, though."

Sophomore Adam Weldon contributed to the winning Spoofhound cause with two first place finishes in the long jump and high jump.

Senior Josh McKim earned a first place finish in the discus with a heave of 132-4, and also took home second place in the shot put with a toss of 44-9.

The boys' and girls' track teams opened their home season by playing host to three other schools last Thursday — Mound City, Falls City (Neb.) and Bedford (Iowa).

Both Spoofhound teams were able to earn first place. The boys garnered 121 team points, while the girls scored 122. Keever set the school record in the shot put with a toss of 38-8 1/2.

The 'Hounds dominated the field events by winning five of the six events.

Golfers capture 1st win of season

The Maryville High School golf team used the warm weather to its advantage Tuesday against Bishop LeBlond.

The Spoofhounds edged LeBlond by five strokes on the Mazingo Golf Course in Maryville. The weather cooperated for one of the few times this season for the Spoofhounds. The temperature at the time of the meet was 75 degrees with a small breeze.

Junior Jeff Beacom and freshman Jason Walter tied for low round of the varsity competition. Beacom and Walter each shot a 49 to tie for the medalist honor.

However, the lowest round of the day was fired by jun-

ior Tim Espey, who was playing for the junior varsity. Espey finished with a score of 48.

Freshman John Throener played a fine round and came in with a 51, while fellow freshman Doug Lewis ended with a stroke count of 56.

The 'Hounds finished with a team score of 205, while LeBlond finished with a team score of 210.

Maryville also won the junior varsity competition by 24 strokes. The 'Hounds ended with 224 strokes to 248.

The Spoofhounds will be out of town for their next competition as they battle Benton at 4 p.m. Thursday.

Tennis team looks to break out of slump

The Maryville High School tennis team started the season in a slump, which continued Tuesday when the team traveled to St. Joseph to take on Bishop LeBlond.

The 'Hounds were able to win one match, and that win came in singles play.

Junior Gentry Martin won his match, 8-4, in the No. 5 singles position.

Freshman Deno Groumoutis lost a tough match, 8-5, at the No. 1 singles position, while senior Brian Lewis was nipped 9-7 at the No. 2 position.

Seniors Justus Ehlers and Aaron Danner were unable to break into the win column. Ehlers and Danner lost their matches by the count of 8-2 and 8-5.

Junior Dave Neustadter finished off the singles competition with an 8-4 setback at the No. 6 position.

The Spoofhounds fought valiantly in the doubles but were unable to capture a victory. Neustadter and Martin rounded out the doubles play with an 8-4 loss at the No. 3 doubles position.

The Spoofhounds travel to Benton Thursday with action beginning at 4 p.m.

Sportsline

Men's Bearcat Tennis

March 29 vs Northeastern Oklahoma
Northeastern Oklahoma 4; Northwest 3
(Match Results)

SINGLES

#1 (NO) Nesuc d. (NW) Jony Leitenbauer 6-4, 6-3
#2 (NO) Dimshreshkovich d. (NW) Dave Subrt 6-3, 6-1
#3 (NO) Jansen d. (NW) Dave Mendez 6-0, 6-1
#4 (NW) René Ramirez d. (NO) Hotti 6-1, 2-6, 6-2
#5 (NW) Trystan Crook d. (NO) Brannon 6-1, 3-6, 6-2
#6 (NW) Nick McFee d. (NO) Basham 6-3, 6-2

DOUBLES

#1 (NO) Nesic/Brannon d. (NW) Subrt/Mendez 8-2
#2 (NO) Jansen/Dimshreshkovich d. (NW) Leitenbauer/Crook 8-2
#3 (NO) Hotti/Basham d. (NW) McFee/Ramirez 9-8

Women's Bearcat Tennis

March 29 vs Missouri Southern State College
Northwest 7, Missouri Southern 0

April 3 vs Rockhurst College
Northwest 5, Rockhurst 2

(Match Results)

SINGLES

#1 (NW) Iva Kutlova d. (RC) Barry 6-1, 6-0
#2 (RC) Miller d. (NW) Kim Buchan 6-7, 6-0, 6-0
#3 (NW) Lia Ruiz d. (RC) Fuller 3-6, 6-4, 6-2
#4 (NW) Maria Groumoutis d. (RC) Sherfield 4-6, 6-3, 6-3
#5 (NW) Sherri Casady d. (RC) Scheiber 6-2, 6-7, 7-6
#6 (RC) Ward d. (NW) Felitsa Groumoutis 6-3, 6-3

DOUBLES

#1 (NW) Kutlova/M. Groumoutis d. (RC) Fuller/Sherfield 8-1
#2 (NW) Buchan/Casady d. (RC) Barry/Miller 8-4
#3 (NW) Ruiz/F. Groumoutis d. (RC) Ward/Wiseman 8-4

Bearcat Baseball

March 30 vs. Central Missouri State University
CMSU 6, 5 Northwest 3, 4

March 31 vs. Central Missouri State University
CMSU 12, 11 Northwest 9, 9

April 2 vs. University Nebraska-Omaha
Northwest 25; 0 UNO 5, 3

April 3 vs. Morningside College

Northwest 8, Morningside 7
Northwest 200 332 000 — 8 12 2
Morningside 002 101 111 — 7 11 0
NWMSU — Darrell Murphy (5) Ben Misfeldt (7)
Kirk Sears and James Barnett
WP — Murphy (1-0), LP — Devries (0-2).
Sv — Sears (1)
2B — Matt Fitzmorris, Chris Newell
3B — Peterson

Bearcat Softball

March 31 vs. Northeast Missouri State
Northwest 3, 6 Northeast 0, 1

April 2 vs. Missouri Western State College
Missouri Western 9, 2 Northwest 8, 1

April 3 vs. Emporia State University
Game 1

Emporia State 5, Northwest 4
Emporia State 020 020 1 — 0 1 2
Northwest 400 010 0 — 1 4 0
NWMSU — Kristi Sweeney and Jacque Burkhardt.
WP — Legero LP — Sweeney
2B — Burkhardt, Karen Hogel

Words from a Bearcat

"There's not a better job I could ask for than to be around kids and sports as part of my job. Not too many people get paid for attending a football game and putting in a couple hours of work in."

Rocco Gasparro — Newly hired Sports Information Director

PlayerWatch

Leslie Dickherber



FILE PHOTO

HOMETOWN: Mexico, Mo.

YEAR: Sophomore

MAJOR: Physical Education

CAREER STATS: As a freshman, she recorded the best toss of the shot put and she placed the third farthest toss in the hammer throw.

She placed second at the 1995 MIAA Conference meet in the shot put.

CURRENT STATS: Has provisionally qualified for the NCAA Division II outdoor meet by tossing a distance to 44 feet 5 inches in the shot put.

Sluggers lose 3 straight nail biters



CHRIS TUCKER/Contributing Photographer

Ziplin' it home. Senior Bearcat pitcher Kristi Sweeney prepares to wing the ball to Northeast Missouri State University during the first game on their new field Sunday. The 'Cats won both games behind Sweeney's two wins, 3-0 and 6-1.

ROB J. BROWN
CHIEF REPORTER

After roaring on a three-game winning streak, the Northwest softball team has found itself on the opposite end of the spectrum, enduring three straight one-run losses.

The 'Cats faced Emporia State University on the road Wednesday. The 'Cats shelled Emporia pitcher Regina Legero, smashing four runs in the bottom of the first. Junior catcher Jacque Burkhardt's and junior third basemen Karen Hogel's RBI doubles led the Northwest onslaught.

But the 'Cats, now 11-16 and 4-4 in the MIAA, went cold after the initial inning while allowing the Hornets to tie the game at four apiece. The Bearcats let the game slip away, giving up a losing run in the seventh and final inning. Senior pitcher Kristi Sweeney watched her record fall to 8-9 and collected the loss.

"We played a great game and they played a great game," Sweeney said. "We hit the ball well and played good defense, but we

came up short."

Tuesday, Northwest locked horns with archival Missouri Western State College in a double-header match-up. Heading into the games, the 'Cats were fighting for a lead in the conference at 4-1.

After three innings, the Bearcats stared at a seven-run deficit, 8-1. But the 'Cats came out swinging in the fourth and fifth innings, gathering three runs in each.

Down by two runs, Northwest again put on its rally caps, but managed only one run, dropping the contest, 9-8.

The 'Cats found themselves in a similar one-run confrontation, yet in the second game Northwest managed only one run.

Despite a triple by Randles and a double by Burkhardt, the Bearcats fell 2-1.

"We need to pick it up and play better to stay atop the conference," Sweeney said.

After months of expectation, the Bearcat softball team finally played on its new on-campus field Sunday. The 'Cats christened the field with two victories against Northeast Missouri State University, 3-0 and 6-1.

Women roll past Rockhurst College

COLIN MCDONOUGH
CHIEF REPORTER

The Northwest women's tennis team continued to roll up the victories while the men ran into some stiff competition.

The women's team improved to 16-4 on the season with a 5-2 triumph over Rockhurst College Wednesday.

Senior Lia Ruiz won her singles match and sophomore Sherri Casady won her match. Both Ruiz and Casady are tied for the team lead in victories with 17.

The men's team had its six-game winning streak snapped with a 4-3 loss to the University of Northeastern Oklahoma Friday.

The Bearcats split the six singles matches but were unable to win a doubles match and had to take the setback.

Junior René Ramirez continued his dominance on the singles court with a three-set triumph over Mike Hotti in a grueling match, 6-1, 2-6, 6-2 at No. 3 singles.

Ramirez said Northeastern Oklahoma was a tough opponent.

"They were good and it was a close match," he said. "Their first three players were really good."

Senior Trystan Crook won his match at the No. 5 singles position

with another three-set victory, 6-1, 3-6, 6-2.

Junior Nick McFee finished off the singles play with a straight set win over Jim Basham, 6-3, 6-2, at the No. 6 position.

The duo of Ramirez and McFee lost a heartbreaker, 9-8, in the No. 3 doubles match.

The Bearcat women continued its success with a 7-0 triumph over Missouri Southern State College last Thursday.

The 'Cats improved to 15-4 on the season and 4-0 in the MIAA.

Ruiz and Casady led the way as the 'Cats romped over the Lady Lions.

Ruiz breezed past Valerie Butler, 6-4, 6-1, while Casady cruised past her opponent, Holly Hammett, 6-0, 6-0.

The team of freshman Iva Kutlova and junior Maria Groumoutis dominated their match, 8-0, while teammates freshman Kim Buchan and Casady did the same in their match.

Both the men's and women's teams lead the conference with 4-0 marks and are well on their way to their goal of two conference titles, head coach Mark Rosewell said.

"We are doing pretty well right now," he said. "Our goal is to try and win them both."

Tracksters clobber Graceland College

JIM MILLER
MISSOURIAN STAFF

The Northwest women's track team geared up for this weekend's Northwest Invitational by dominating Graceland College in a non-scoring meet last Thursday at Rickenbrode Stadium.

Northwest captured 12 first-place finishes out of 17 events in the meet.

Sophomore Leslie Dickherber led the Bearcats as she provisionally qualified for the NCAA Division II National meet after she heaved the shot put 44 feet 5 inches.

"I'm happy with my performance, but I'm not getting overly excited," Dickherber said. "I've provisionally qualified before, but I need at least another 1-to-2 feet to actually qualify."

Head coach Ron DeShon said he is pleased with his team's performance, but it will have to overcome a recent string of injuries that has hit his team.

"We've had a bad run of luck," DeShon said. "We have so much depth and talent, but half of the team isn't competing."

Sophomores Carrie Sindelar and Dickherber are two members of DeShon's team to go down; both are questionable for this weekend's meet.

Sindelard injured her hamstring recently, while Dickherber aggravated her back last weekend.

DeShon said he hopes both can compete, but it is strictly up to them.

However, DeShon said the athletes he does have participating are improving. One of those athletes is sophomore Julie Humphreys, who broke her own school record in the hammer throw this past week, with a toss of 126-3 1/2.

"I'm pleased with my performance so far," Humphreys said. "I feel I have improved on everything. We have a few injuries that might set us back, but our team is pretty sure of ourselves."

Men's coach Rich Alsup said the weather isn't helping his team's search for competition so far in this young season, but he is pleased with what he has seen.

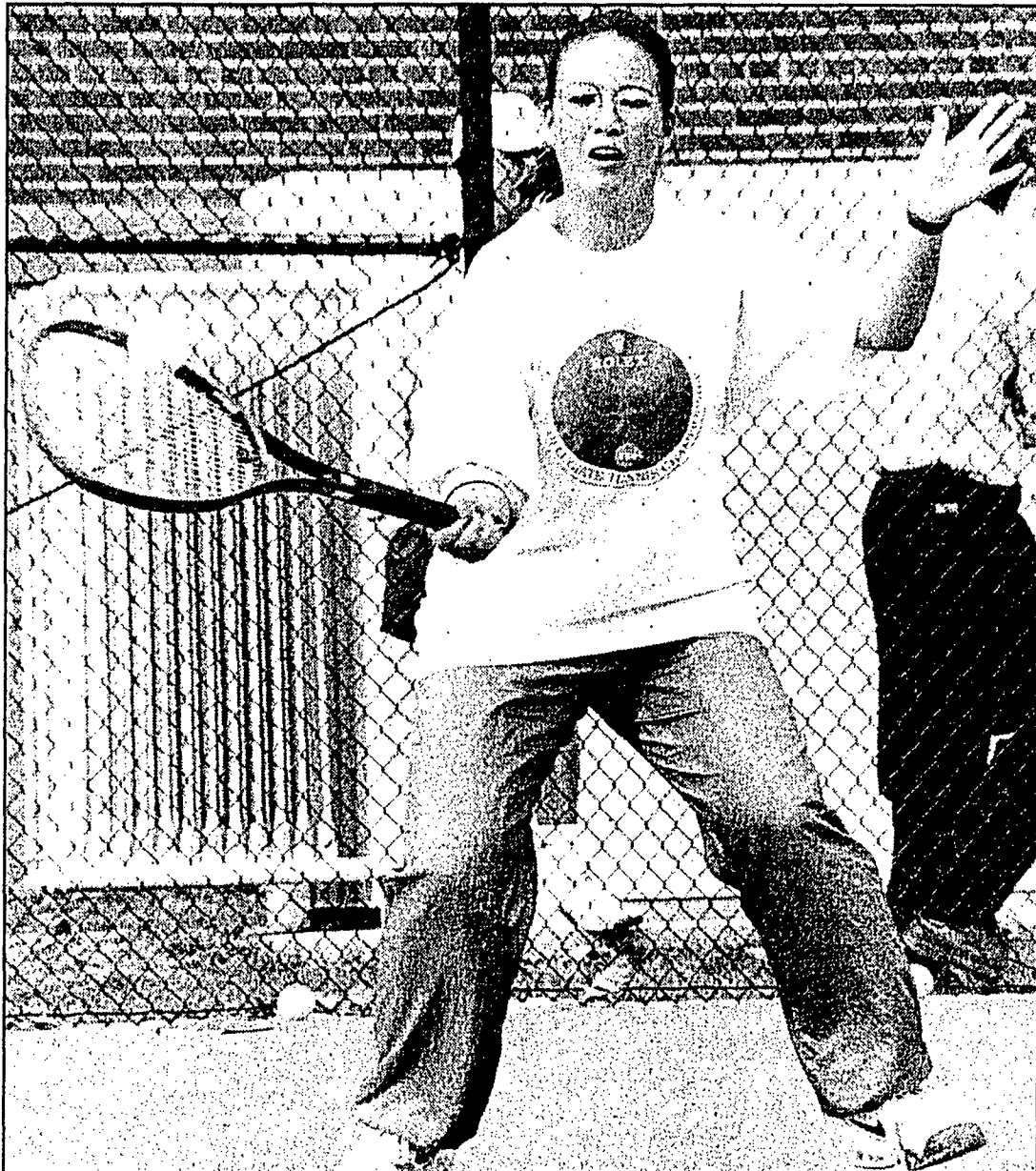
"Our team is practicing very well," Alsup said. "Our spirits are up and we're looking forward to having a better outdoor season."

Both coaches agreed they are looking forward to this weekend's Northwest Invitational, which will boast some tough competition and individual greats. The meet starts at 10 a.m. with the hammer toss.

"We are going to go out and try to defend our title," DeShon said. "This meet is one of the best meets of the year that will showcase a lot of talent."

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln will most likely be the favorite to win this weekend as it will have both its men's and women's teams at full strength.

"It could be a close meet between five schools or a run away for Nebraska," DeShon said.



LAURA RIEDEL/Chief Photographer

Follow through. Freshman netter Kim Buchan returns a serve during Wednesday afternoon's match against Rockhurst College. Buchan and her

partner, sophomore Sherri Casady, won the match 8-4 and upped their team-high record to 17-4. The 'Cats won the match 5-2.

Rodeo team competes in Oklahoma

The Northwest Rodeo team competed last weekend at Althas, Okla., and had two people place in events.

Spencer Love and Chad Mathes both placed

10th in the long-go. Then in the team-roping competition, Love and Mathes combined their skills to place 10th in team roping. The team's next meet is in Oklahoma this weekend.

'Cats top Morningside

CHRIS GEINOSKY
MISSOURIAN STAFF

A seven-game road trip ended the way Northwest needed it to with a 8-7 win over Morningside College Wednesday.

The win went to junior Darrell Murphy who gave up just two earned runs in four innings.

Junior Paul Peterson went 3-5 driving in four runs. Peterson's three-run triple broke the game open for the Bearcats in the fifth inning, giving them a 8-3 advantage.

Northwest brought a five-game losing streak to the University of Nebraska-Omaha Tuesday and apparently did not want to carry it any longer by splitting a doubleheader.

The 'Cats ripped 31 hits in the first game of the twin bill to bury the Mavericks 25-5.

Eleven men crossed the plate in the first inning alone, and that was all senior Mark Forret needed to register the victory.

Senior Matt Fitzmorris has been one of the hottest Bearcat hitters in recent games and continued to stroke the ball well.

Fitzmorris went 4-6, racked up six RBI and hit home runs from both sides of the plate.

"Everybody's getting into a groove right now," Fitzmorris said. "One guy gets hot, and then it seems to be contagious."

Junior Jay Hearn had a perfect 6-6 performance knocking in five runs, but it was a whole other story in the second game.

UNO shutout Northwest 3-0, and the Mavericks only allowed the 'Cats to tally seven hits after the offensive barrage in the opener.

In terrible weather, the Bearcats fell short four

times to Central Missouri State University. The 'Cats went down 6-3 and 5-4 on Saturday and 12-9 and 11-9 on Sunday.

The problem had nothing to do with a Northwest offense, which pounded out 42 hits and knocked in 25 runs in the weekend games.

In the first game Saturday, junior Colby Cartney went the distance for his third complete game of the season but picked up his first loss, dropping his record to 4-1.

Northwest held a 4-1 advantage in the fifth inning of the second game, but CMSU scored four runs in the bottom of the frame before the game was stopped because of rain and darkness.

Even though five innings had not been completed, Northwest picked up its second loss of the day when MIAA Commissioner Ken Jones ruled the game to be complete.

"The guys played their hearts out (all weekend)," Johnson said. "Unfortunately, someone has to lose, and we did four times."

In the second game Sunday, the 'Cats held the lead throughout, but the Mules won their second game of the weekend on their final at-bat.

"Whoever had their hands on the bats last had the best chance to win," Johnson said. "I think it would have been different if we played here."

The Bearcats will take on Emporia State University this Friday and Saturday at Bearcat Field in a huge conference match-up.

"We should have taken at least a couple of games from Central, and now it's very critical to win three or four this weekend," senior James Barnett said. "It's really important to win the conference games or we won't be able to qualify for the postseason tournament."

WHAT L Timing

Jumping out of the frying pan of the Cleveland Browns organization and into the ongoing battle for a conference basketball title, Rocco Gasparro has a sense for timing in falling from one heated situation to another

Story by Colleen Cooke

Photo by Brian Starke, Morningside College

Just as Rocco Gasparro, the new Sports Information Director, left the (then) Cleveland Browns during their, shall we say, transition period, he comes to Northwest in the middle of the biggest sports crisis of the year — the loss of the basketball title. Plus, he's smack dab in the middle of the Administration Building renovations so he can't fully set up shop in his current office yet.

How do you like that for a first real job out of college?

"This is my first job ever out of college, and I just want to make a name for myself and do a good job and be known as a person who works hard," Rocco said.

Rocco, who began this job March 18, is too busy learning the ropes of a new school, new state and new position to worry too much.

"I've been around sports all my life, so there is not a better job, I don't think, besides working as a PR person in the pros or being a Division I SID."

Rocco Gasparro

Northwest Sports Information Director

"Coming in at midseason is hard because there's so much to do, so many things to learn, so many people to meet," he said.

Rocco, age 25, was hired when Larry Cain left his post in December after 15 years as Northwest's SID. Previously, Rocco had worked as a public relations intern for the Browns for nine months and as the assistant sports information director at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee during graduate school. He also worked in a graduate assistantship in sports information while he was attending graduate school at East Stroudsburg University in Pennsylvania.

Rest assured, Rocco's been there, done that. "He brings in the intangibles," Dave Gieseke, director of news and information, said. "He's worked at a Division II school and with the Cleveland Browns. He's had a vast amount of experience on different levels."

In addition to experience, Rocco did time in school, first earning his bachelor of arts degree in communication at John Carroll University in Cleveland and later earning a master's in sports management.

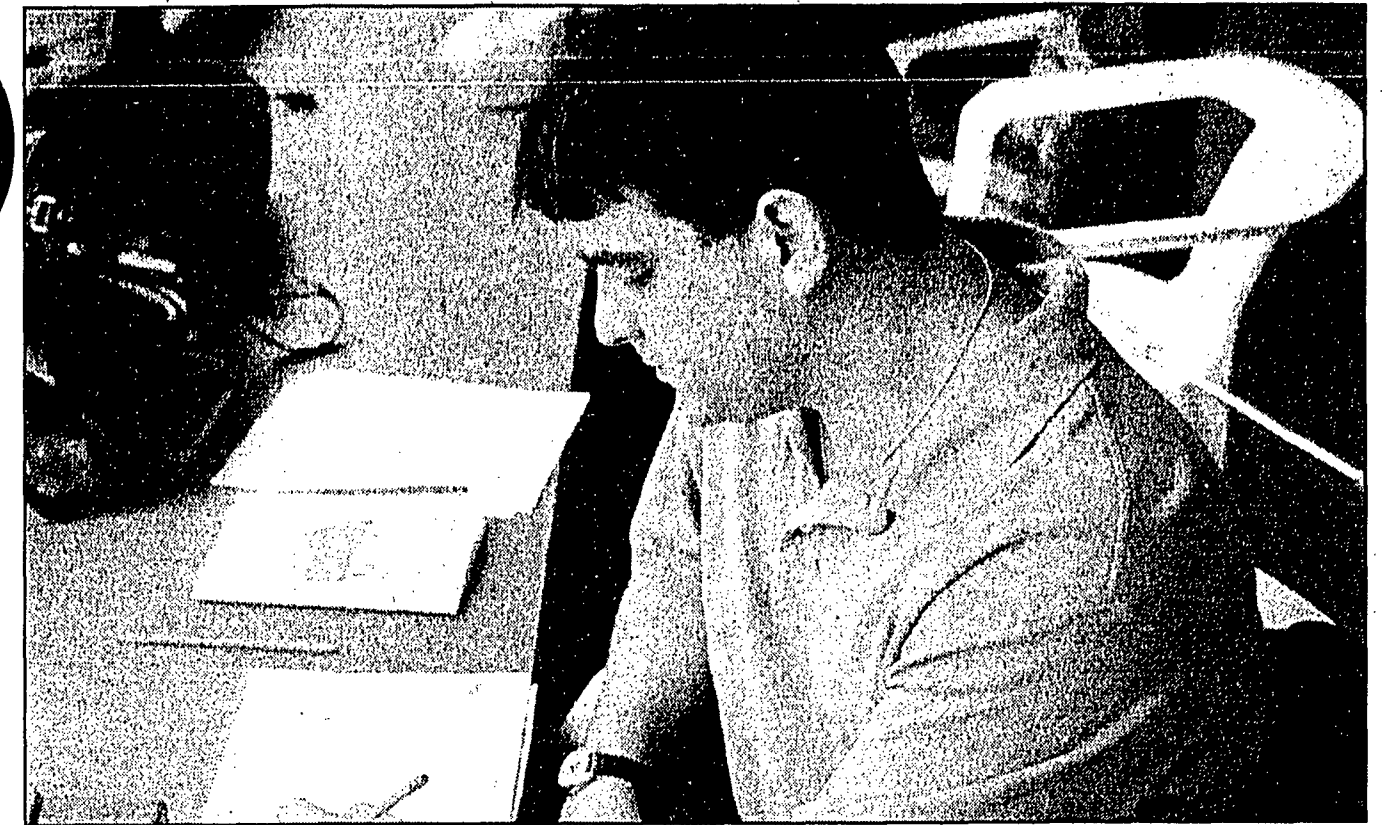
"It wasn't so much my college education as the hands-on experience that I got," Rocco said. "I did four internships — that's where I got most of my experience."

That experience of working for different kinds of media outlets works to his advantage, Gieseke said.

"He's had the experience of not being the top priority of the media in Milwaukee," Gieseke said. "Northwest Missouri sports is going to be further down on the list (in Kansas City)."

Ever since he was a kid growing up in Cleveland, Rocco's life has been surrounded by sports. He played football, basketball and baseball in high school and played two years of college baseball before abandoning that to concentrate more on academics.

"Once you get to college, you realize that to get to the next level, unless you're a super athlete, it's just not going to happen," Rocco said. "There's just too many good athletes in the pros."



Check those stats. Newly hired Sports Information Director Rocco Gasparro keeps the baseball team's scorebook at a single game at Morningside College Wednesday afternoon. Rocco acquired his master's degree at East Stroudsburg University in Pennsylvania.

Speaking of the pros, Rocco even got his name from sports. His dad named him after 1960s Cleveland Indians legend Rocky Calavito.

"I've been around sports all my life, so there's not a better job, I don't think, besides working as a PR person in the pros or being a Division I SID," he said.

Until that kind of opportunity arrives, Rocco faces the challenge of taking over after a veteran SID at Northwest, but he's not worried about living up to his predecessor.

"I've heard some Larry Cain stories, been told some Larry Cain sayings," Rocco said. "I've heard he was a good guy. I'd really like to meet him one of these days — I'm hoping he comes in."

Rocco found out about the job opening left by Cain's departure at Northwest last year and was the top choice out of about 70 applicants.

He said he applied to Northwest because he was attracted to the possibility of going back to a college, although when it came to Division II athletics, he had to do quite a bit of research.

"I knew nothing about any of the schools in the conference, nothing about Northwest," Rocco said. "I just came in not knowing anything."

One of his goals in this new job, besides learning all the school mascots, is to increase awareness of the University's athletes.

"We have a lot of good kids and a lot of good athletes, so we want to get as much publicity for them as possible," Rocco said.

In addition, he would like to computerize the statistics process at the games to make the stat-keeping cleaner and more efficient.

But for now, he still needs to accustom himself to Maryville after being in Cleveland for so long.

"It's kind of tough coming from Cleveland and trying to get accustomed to a small town," Rocco said. "If I want to go to a Chi Chi's or something, I'd have to drive 45 minutes."

Plus, in coming to Northwest, Rocco leaves his girlfriend, Amy Yurick, a senior at Dayton University, in Ohio.

"She was happy about me getting a job; she wasn't too happy about me moving 15 hours from home," Rocco said. "It's working out so far in the first two weeks."

In those first two weeks, Rocco has had to deal with the biggest sporting news at Northwest — the Rick Jolley incident. However, because he's so new to the situation, his perspective has been solely from behind the scenes.

"I think we were very professional in how we handled our-

selves," Rocco said. "We documented every piece of literature to back ourselves."

He mentioned that those behind-the-scenes players — Beth Wheeler (public relations officer), Jim Redd (athletic director), Sherri Reeves (assistant athletic director), Steve Tappmeyer (men's basketball coach) and others — impressed him with their hard work in this matter.

"They worked tirelessly to show that they did no wrongdoing, which was nice for me to see coming in, to see how much time they spent to try to restore their case," Rocco said.

Of course, sports crisis is not new to Rocco, who had to deal with irate Browns fans in Cleveland after the team announced it was moving to Baltimore.

"The fans weren't understanding, nor should they have been — they got a raw deal," Rocco said. "I think they (Browns) should have moved, but the city dropped the ball on the issue."

Unfortunately, Rocco had to pick up that ball often.

"One of the jobs of the intern was to answer the phone when the fans call," Rocco said. "They want to yell at you, call you names."

But apart from the unpleasantness of dealing with the irate fans, Rocco said working in the National Football League, even as a PR intern, brought plenty of perks.

"Working in the NFL, they treat you really well," Rocco said. "There were a lot of perks you don't get in college — free clothes, free meals."

He said he has already noticed a big difference in not how he was treated, but in budgets.

"Coaches here are dealing with a \$50,000 budget," Rocco said. "\$50,000 in the pros is meal money for the day."

He said even with the missing perks and prestige, Rocco prefers the atmosphere of college athletics.

"It's a different atmosphere," he said. "You're dealing with million-dollar players, ESPN, Fox, high-profile media. It's not as enjoyable (as working here). Just being on a college campus is fun."

In fact, for now Rocco said he's ready to stay in Division II at Northwest.

"There's not a better job I could ask for than to be around kids and sports as part of my job," Rocco said. "Not too many people get paid for attending a football game and putting a couple hours work in."

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JAMIE HATZ
COPY ASSISTANT

He was the kid who came to class on Monday and could recite word for word the funniest scene from "Saturday Night Live."

As a child, Marc Vasquez used humor to make friends. In college, he uses humor to take him places in school and the world of forensics.

Currently, Vasquez, junior public relations major, is at the top of his world as the No. 1 speaker in Missouri.

"In high school, I had never heard of forensics before," Vasquez said. "Forensics sounded like medicine."

However, as soon as Jeff Przybylo, speech instructor and forensics coach, asked him to join the forensics team last year, Vasquez knew he had found his calling.

"Marc has a lot of spunk and energy, and I knew he would be good for the team because we don't like boring, dry speakers," Przybylo said. "I encouraged him to give it a shot, and after winning the first tournament he had ever entered, he was hooked."

Przybylo also notices that Vasquez realizes his part on the team.

"The forensics team has a family atmosphere because we do things together, and we really support each other," Vasquez said. "I really look to that when I compete. When I came

to college, I looked for something with support I'd want to stick with."

That support comes close to home because it's how he met his roommate Shawn Bechtol, speech/theater education major, three years ago.

Vasquez said there are plenty of critics to improve speech around his apartment.

"We get pretty competitive, not from being around each other, but because it's exciting to have competition and beat out each other," Bechtol said. "It becomes a game. We don't have any control over the judges — we can only control ourselves and our performance. It's fun to say mine was bad, and yours sucked. We have lots of fun, and there is a lot of comedy relief at our house."

Vasquez said the comic element is essential when it comes to his speeches. His favorite speech is an after-dinner speech where he can take a serious topic and make light of it.

"I love humor that sneaks up on me," Vasquez said. "It is humor that you didn't see coming. I don't like comedy whose sole purpose is to be comic."

His sole purpose for being on the forensics team was to help him with his school work.

"I think I've gained more at college because I've learned networking, public speaking, how to deal with



LESLEY THACKER/Contributing Photographer

Cut me some slack. Marc Vasquez, public relations major, performs a dramatic interpretation on slackers Tuesday at a forensics showcase. Vasquez has recently been named the No. 1 speaker in Missouri and is

pressures and stresses and time management," he said. "I am a lot more alert of things around me, and sometimes people don't get that out of school."

Vasquez believes he has not only earned the grades, but also gained plenty of knowledge from Northwest.

Knowledge and hard work have taken Vasquez to his current rung of success. He is preparing to go to na-

tionals in two different competitions. The American Forensic Association Nationals in Gainesville, Fla., will be Friday to Monday, and the National Forensic Association in South Bend, Ill., will be April 18-22.

Nationals is a step closer, but Vasquez said his dream is not on an easy road. He spends about 20 hours a week preparing for five events.

"The hardest thing for me is to

on his way to performing at national competition in two competitions. He spends many hours a week preparing for the events, one of which will take place this weekend in Gainesville, Fla.

memorize because I am not good at facts and figures," Vasquez said. "I like taking the emotional side of the play or poetry and really get into it. I don't know what I'd be doing if I didn't do this all the time."

Vasquez and his roommates spend a lot of time on their speeches.

"One of the best coaching sessions you could possibly get is from your peers," Bechtol said. "Peers can be so

critical of your speeches, and they tell you what you don't want to hear. You are able to grow with peer coaching because you are able to understand and help everyone else."

Public speaking is not an easy task for many students, yet Vasquez considers his ability fun.

"Every one should have a sense of humor," Vasquez said. "If I can make you laugh, that's it for me."

Awards honor services

KELLY MOONEY
MISSOURIAN STAFF

We all want to be the best at what we do, and we hope that our work stands out so others will notice it. Thirty-two people were nominated as the best at what they do and will be honored with a Tower Service Award.

To be nominated as a student, the student must be a junior, senior or graduate assistant. Faculty, administration and support staff are also eligible for this award.

Candidates must have continuous quality improvement, tend to the details of whatever they do, have a posi-

tive attitude, communicate well, have a genuine sense of pride in themselves and Northwest, have a willingness to go above and beyond the call of duty, have a commitment to excellence, excel at what they do and have an obvious contribution to the University.

Shelly Conner, Academic Affairs of Student Senate, said a wide range of students are nominated.

"It's a highly competitive award," Conner said. "We have up to 100 students nominated."

In the end, only five administrators, nine support staff and 12 students won the award.

Tower award winners

Students
Brenda Brown, Dawn Gardner, Jessica Elgin, Christy Spagna, Denise Way, Laura Slageman, Curtis Heldstab, Michelle Wilson, Christine Eihangatta, Monica Naus, Rebekah Pinick, Joseph Koerber
Faculty
Christel Ortman, David Smith, Ken Hill, Jo Ann Marion, Peggy Miller, F. Patrick Wynne
Professional Staff/Administrators
Matt Baker, Frances Shipley, Linda Girard, Patricia E. Hayes, Deborah Clark
Support Staff
Neil Woods, Bob Holcombe, Janet Lekey, Michelle Speary, "Mickey" Loreita Albertson, Gerrie Murphy, Paula Melvin, Marjorie Lohman, Donna Barnmann

Students help with taxes

COLIN MCDONOUGH
CHIEF REPORTER

Accounting majors have been receiving some hands-on experience this spring with tax season upon them.

Room 408 Perrin Hall has been the home to many accounting majors on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 5 to 7 p.m. as they prepare students' and community members' taxes free of charge.

Accounting major Reva Wright said students could save close to \$30 if they have their taxes done on campus.

"We're saving them the cost of having to take it to H&R Block or anybody else in town," she said.

Wright said the process is not very complicated for the accounting majors.

"It's pretty easy," she said. "This is more or less real life to us."

Accounting major Tim De Boom also said it is a pretty simple process for the students.

De Boom said students have to make sure if they are dependants or if they have any scholarships when they bring in their taxes.

Wright said the students also have to bring in all their W-2 forms, 10-

99s and all their tax forms that they receive in the mail.

She said students should not have to worry too much that other students are doing their taxes because they are looked over many times before they are sent in.

"We make sure they get checked several times," she said. "Four different people look at it."

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Roger Woods, certified public accountant, then looks at it, reviews it and approves it, then a final person assembles it.

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Duck Duck Goose. Trevor Sybert runs from Jordan Burgher Tuesday evening during an egg hunt sponsored by Delta Zeta and Alpha Kappa Lambda. The hunt took place by the Bell Tower.

Renovations shift residents

JENNIE NELSON
CHIEF REPORTER

Many students living on campus next year will be affected by changes in Residential Life.

The department will offer a new program for students interested in international affairs; a floor in North Complex will be transferred to faculty offices; and the number of current resident assistants returning to their jobs is unusually high.

Betty Dye, residential life coordinator, said North Complex will be the site of the new program called Student Adventures in International Living. SAIL will offer students the chance to live with an international roommate and hear speakers from

other countries, travelogues and discussions on world events.

In addition to the SAIL program, first floor Douglas Hall will not be occupied by students next year.

"The department of History, Humanities and Foreign Language will move there," she said. "It should be a nice partnership with the SAIL program."

Dye said the hall is being closed to residents because there is not usually a problem with rooms for females.

"My impressions are there will be a decrease in female space needed next year," she said. "We usually have enough space."

However, students in North Complex are not the only ones to be af-

ected by changes in the Residential Life.

This year, the number of resident assistants who will be returning next year is higher than normal with only 14 openings compared to a normal 30.

The decrease in openings played a more difficult role in the hiring of RAs for next year.

"It was a definite advantage to us because we took the cream of the crop (of RA candidates)," she said.

Dye said the reason for the high number of returning RAs was because of a large turnover at spring semester.

"It was unusual how many (RAs) in January left," she said. "Normally we only have three or four. This year we had to replace 16."

Regents approve increase in scholarship programs

CYNTHIA HANSEN
MISSOURIAN STAFF

Recently, the Board of Regents approved an updated scholarship program for Northwest.

The Board approved the new scholarship program which totals \$4.2 million. This new program has a \$400,000 increase over the current year's budget.

The scholarship program will allot the money to four different areas. The first is institutional scholarships, which was given \$1.8 million. Another is scholarships from the Northwest Foundation, Inc., and other private scholarships, which was allotted \$1.1 million. The third is designated scholarships, which was allotted \$900,000. Money from auxiliary enterprises amounted to \$300,000.

One addition to the program was

the Iowa Tuition Grant. This grant is similar to the Midwest Student Exchange Scholarship with the exception that Iowa does not participate in the scholarship program. For example, Iowa students can receive money to come to Northwest, but Missouri students will not be able to receive money to go to school in Iowa.

One change to the program was the Regents Awards Act. This was changed because of the new entrance requirements.

This award allotted a certain amount of money to students with a particular ACT score and GPA on various levels. The first level required an ACT score of 21.

If students kept a 3.3 GPA at Northwest, they could keep the scholarship. It now requires a 23 ACT score and the student must still

keep a 3.3. The other two levels have gone to higher GPAs to maintain scholarships.

"Because of the new entrance requirements saying that the minimum standard requirement is supposed to be a 21 ACT score...we decided to up the requirements (for the award)," Del Morley, director of financial assistance, said.

More money was allotted to the Northwest Grant, which is a grant for first time freshmen and is based on need.

One continuation of the scholarship program was the indexing of scholarships with tuition increases.

"This means if tuition goes up 5 percent, the worth of the scholarship goes up five percent," Morley said. "So, if a scholarship two years ago was worth \$500, it is now worth \$540...and so on."

Testing changes affect enrollment

Incoming freshmen will know class schedules before fall semester

CYNTHIA HANSEN
MISSOURIAN STAFF

Beginning this summer, incoming freshmen will go through an entirely new program to begin their trek at Northwest.

The Office of Admissions has implemented the Summer Orientation and Registration program to make freshmen orientation and the registration process simpler.

SOAR eliminates placement testing and puts more emphasis on ACT scores. However, Roger Pugh, executive director of enrollment management, said if students aren't satisfied with their placement in composition classes due to the ACT, they may do a writing sample to try and better enhance their scores.

This program will also give incoming freshmen more of a chance to get the classes they want as well as more

advisement time.

"A lot of our students are not happy with the advisement portion of what they get here...so we're really hoping to use that advisement time more effectively," Shari Schneider, coordinator of freshmen orientation and training said.

The SOAR program is modeled after Central Washington University's current program.

The program will give incoming freshmen the opportunity to know what their classes will be before the fall semester starts.

Incoming freshmen will also have the opportunity to drop and add classes during Freshman Advantage Week in the fall.

"What we are hoping for is for students to walk away with class schedules," Schneider said.

Schneider said this program also helps eliminate last-minute additions

of sections.

"We are talking to every department on campus and finding out what their optimal schedule (for students) is," Schneider said. "We are really trying to communicate with the departments to figure out exactly what they (the faculty) want."

Incoming freshmen will also have three more chances to come to Northwest during the summer for registration. The number of dates allotted for registration have been changed from four days to seven. Also, only 175 people will register each day.

Schneider said she is excited about the SOAR program's success.

"I am really optimistic about the program," Schneider said. "We plan to have evaluations of the day from the students and follow that up with a phone call to make sure they were satisfied and received quality treatment."

Reception to honor 3 retiring professors

KEITH RYDBERG
COPY ASSISTANT

When people spend years working at one place, they become almost a part of the institution itself.

History professor Harmon Mothershead has taught at Northwest since 1965 and also served as the department chair from 1979 to 1992.

However, Mothershead will teach

history/humanities professor Richard Frucht's classes in the fall while Frucht is on sabbatical leave.

Richard New, associate professor of curriculum and instruction, will also retire after 29 years.

Currently, he is the director and coordinator of the University's outreach program, which allows elementary and secondary teachers the opportunity to continue their educa-

tion in their hometowns.

Mary Jane Sunkel, assistant professor of computer science and information systems, has been at Northwest since 1961.

However, she will be teaching two information systems classes in the fall.

"I take my job seriously," Sunkel said. "I want to phase (my retirement) out so there's not a drastic change."

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TAX HELP

Internet hints for getting through the season

Story by Virginia Peters

Tax time is running out, but for those still struggling to do their taxes, help is just a web site away. Most of the tax sites on the Internet are no more than advertisements for the latest in tax preparation software, but nearly all of these sites have some type of on-line help. The help ranges from frequently asked questions to tax calendars.

"The earlier you file your tax forms, the better because you get your refund quicker and you have a head start on finding missing items," Ronald D. Jones, a Maryville certified public accountant, said. "However, if you have to pay, you might as well hold it until April 15. That way, you know you have the money."

Many tax software programs may be downloaded from the Internet. Each program is available at a relatively low price — most cost less than \$20.

The TurboTax/MacIntax web site (<http://www.intuit.com/turbotax>) offers a large amount of tax advice as well as news, product information and technical support. The Kiplinger TaxCut site (<http://www.conductor.com>) is similar to the TurboTax/MacIntax site; however, of the two, TurboTax/MacIntax seems to offer more useful information.

Another tax site that offers advice, product information and technical support is the Parsons ClubHouse Tax Center. This site puts the frenzied tax filer at ease because Parsons understands how difficult filing taxes can be.

"However, they're a lot less intimidating with proper planning, organization and tax preparation software," according to the Parsons ClubHouse Tax Center web site.

The Intuit web site offers the QuickTax 1040A/EZ™ software. Like the other software, it asks you simple questions concerning tax information, then does all the calculations for you and prints out a form for you to sign and send to the IRS.

"The program helps cut your tax return preparation time, so you can get back to doing what you want," according to the Intuit web site.

Two of the tax web sites — Ernst & Young (<http://www.ey.com/us/tax/eyustax.htm>) and TurboTax — have information that is very useful.

Ernst & Young has a list of the 25 most common tax preparation errors. Topping the list is mathematical errors.

The next two, as well as several others, deal with social security

numbers. This site would be a good idea to check out before mailing forms to the IRS.

The TurboTax site gives a list of taxable and nontaxable income. A few nontaxable items are car pool receipts, certain damages resulting from suit, federal income tax refunds and loans. A few taxable items are board and lodging — not furnished for your employer's convenience, interest, overtime pay and tips. Check out this web site before you start filing your taxes.

Although the IRS has a web site now (<http://www.irs.ustreas.gov>), it is not the easiest site to get connected to. It would seem that the IRS is unavailable most of the time. Go ahead and try this site, but be prepared to find somewhere else to go for answers.

For those who have more time and who are curious about tax items, check out the Taxprophet web site. This web site — with its cool graphics — is a wonderland of information. Some of it is useful, but if you are just now filing your tax returns don't waste a lot of time here.

Using the Internet for answers to questions about taxes, technical support and tax software is a smart choice. Time is slipping away fast, but the tax sites on the World Wide Web can make filing taxes a breeze.

Internet Tax Sites

Tax Site Directory

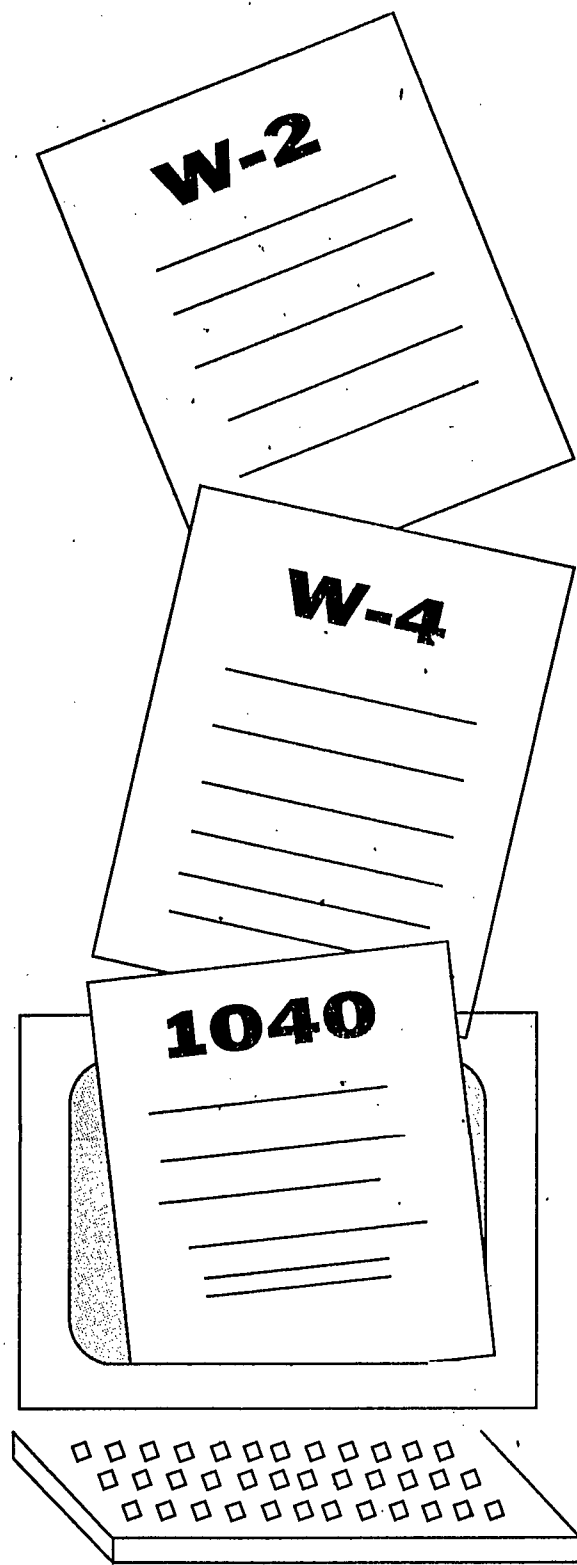
<http://www.uni.edu/schmidt/tax.html>
A University of Northern Iowa professor's links to tax-related sites.

TaxSites

<http://www2.best.com/~ftmexpat/html/>
A general guide to many tax sites.

University of Iowa Tax Resources

<http://www.biz.uiowa.edu/acct/tax.html>



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Internet, the law and you

Story by Colleen Cooke

Watch for legal potholes when using home pages

For a long time, the Internet has been the domain of college students and computer geeks hunched over their terminals and existing unknown to the outside world.

But with the wave of popularity that has swept over the on-line industry, a few big noses have been peeking over the shoulders of these veterans — one of the biggest noses being that of the federal government.

The main question now facing owners of home pages at Northwest is whether that long nose of the law extends to Owens Library.

On Feb. 8, President Clinton signed a Communications Decency Act to protect minors from being able to see "indecent" material, such as pornography. The bill outlaws the knowing transmission of "indecent" material over the Internet that could be viewed by a minor. Offenders could face up to two years in prison and \$250,000 in fines.

In response, hundreds of home pages turned to black for two "Interactive Days of Mourning" to protest the bill because they said it could restrict their freedom of speech. After those two days, many pages continued to protest the bill by placing a blue ribbon graphic on their pages, symbolizing the free speech on-line campaign.

In addition to prohibiting on-line pornography, the fuzzy nature of the term "indecent" could mean that topics like AIDS, abortion or safe sex could be questioned.

But suppose people want to risk being caught with an "indecent" home page — what can Northwest do about it?

"That gets to be fun," user consultant Merlin Miller said. "We don't know what they put out there. We kind of operate under the philosophy that if we don't know about

it and no one tells us about it, we don't know it's there because we don't have the time to go through and look at 6,000 home pages."

Right now, Owens Library prohibits people from loading pornography in the library, but even that can be difficult to patrol.

"It's kind of hard to switch pages real quickly at times ... but a lot of times we can see it," Miller said. "It's fairly obvious — a lot of people will sit there kind of hunched over, looking around, trying to see if anyone is coming up, their monitors dimmed down, quickly reaching for something."

Although the library is the easiest place to view the Internet with graphics-friendly Netscape, there are other alternatives that you can use to avoid University repercussions.

"In a public area, we consider it inappropriate to view pornographic images, obscene material, where other people can look at it," Miller said. "I mean, if you want to do that, go to your room or find a friend's computer."

When they don't catch it, the University can be called into responsibility for it.

"We are a public institution and according to the Telecommunications Bill, we can be held accountable for what they have out there, although I don't know how they expect us to do that," Miller said.

The main reason this bill is so difficult to enforce is that the World Wide Web is an ever-changing entity. A page that you find one day can quite easily disappear from sight the next.

In addition, because many home pages originate from college students who have only temporary access to the Internet through their school, even pages that have been around for two years may not exist by 1997 or 1998.

"There's no way we have the manpower to go through and look," Miller said. "You would have to look every day because the pages will change every day. If you're really smart, you can hide things."

Aside from the issue of what you can or

cannot view or maintain on a home page, another concern faces anyone who does research using the Internet: copyright infringement.

"If you use someone else's material and they find out about it, you can be held responsible for copyright infringement," Miller said.

In his web page on this matter, P.J. Benedict O'Mahoney inform web wanderers of the legal consequences of stealing others' works.

"The Internet has been characterized as the largest threat to copyright since its inception," he wrote. "... the frightening reality is that almost everything on the Net is protected by copyright law." (Of course, that information is © 1995 P.J. Benedict O'Mahoney.)

So, what do you do about this? Do you have to call the source of anything you find on the World Wide Web and ask for permission to quote them? Or can you just take what you want because, heck, who's gonna know?

"Some people consider if it's on the Internet, it's public," Miller said. "If you're going to use something of someone else's, give them credit for it."

Of course, even if you want to give someone credit for a few words, how do you cite your sources? Owens Library does have a handout available giving general guidelines, but as more and more information becomes available, it looks like we're going to need a Little, Brown Online Handbook.

"One problem that they tried to deal with in the new telecommunications bill is the technology has surpassed the law," Miller said. "It's hard to figure out how to cite something."

Citing sources for composition papers can seem piddly when compared to all the high-tech crime that goes on online, but it's one that people at Northwest are more likely to face than, say, espionage or embezzlement.

"I don't know all the legal issues yet," Miller said. "I don't think anyone knows them yet. You don't really know them until you sort of stumble across them and go, 'Uh oh.'"



Jody Strauch

- instructor of mass communication
- home page address: <http://www.nwmissouri.edu/~JODY/INDEX.HTML>

Strauch began her home page at the end of last semester to provide an introduction to the Internet for her students.

"I am not a computer geek," she said. "I like to play on the Internet, but I don't know and I don't want to know why it works."

She spends about one-two hours a day working on her page or just playing on the Internet. Most of the links she finds through serendipitous stumbling.

"Students have taught me everything I know about the Internet," Strauch said.

Some links Strauch has on her page:

- Citing electronic sources
- Reporting/Writing/Editing
- search tool for journalists
- Media law
- U.S. Federal Courts
- FCC
- Media history
- Web searchers (Yahoo, Webcrawler)
- Media organizations
- Society of Professional Journalists
- First Amendment Center
- Finding a job in the media

Want to check out some of the sites that could be banned with the new technology bill? Try this one: <http://box.hotwired.net/banned.html>

The Stroller

Your Man falls for Spring Fever

After a mild bout of schizophrenia, the weather seems to have decided to go on to springtime. With the warmer weather, the longer days and the chicks in tight skirts comes Spring Fever. And everyone knows Spring Fever is the arch enemy of college students. It's just hard to sit in the pre-molded plastic chairs in sterilized white rooms listening to professors drone on and on when you could be outside frolicking in the sunshine.

Now Your Man is just as susceptible to the passionate throes of 70-degree weather and picnics as the next man. In fact, recently tempted, he headed off to the Union without regard to the classes he would be missing. I mean, we're more than our GPAs, right? A man needs to have his fun.

While dining al fresco, Your Man made some interesting observations. For one, the squirrels are back. Apparently after sleeping through the cold (like many of us wish we could have done), it's time once again for their



THE STROLLER

little amusing antics. You know what I'm talking about — staring you in the eyes as you eat lunch and planning the demise of everyone at Northwest (I think we cut into their nut supply). They're also chasing each other across campus in a hormonally driven mating frenzy — it reminded me of nights at the Outback.

Your Man also noticed that it doesn't really matter how cold it is, some people are just determined to wear shorts. They walk around stiff-legged and bearing blue limbs, but, gosh, don't they look cool? I mean, doesn't it take a

true stud to bare himself in the winter? Puh-lease. Frostbite is not a badge of courage, M.J.

Your Man also made an observation while lying on his back. This wasn't because he was engaged in a warm embrace, but because he was run down by a careening in-line skater. It was like a scene out of a cartoon. I swear I saw stars during my double back-flip. And I don't think I'll ever convince my girl that the scratch marks on my back are actually skid marks and wheel tracks.

Your Man notices that the first decision he makes each morning is whether to run off and join the circus or run another lap in the human race by going to classes. The fact that the weather turns warmer is just another form of persecution.

Your Man's mantra to get him through the day? Gotta go to class. Have to pass. Must graduate. I suppose Spring Fever is just another mid-term in the game of life.

The Stroller has been a tradition at Northwest since 1918.

Weekly Horoscopes

Weekly Overview: Pluto, planet of transformation, gives support for your aspirations as it favorably aspects the Sun. Love planet Venus well aspected to Saturn, planet of discipline, is a cosmic reminder that all things come to those who have patience. Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday.

This Week in the Stars by Larry White for April 7 - April 13

ARIES March 21 - April 20
Rams are noted for doing things their own way and creating their own opportunities. This is the time an occupational hope or previous contact could pay off for you.
LUCKY NUMBERS: 24-37-23-30-3-36

TAURUS April 21 - May 21
Patience brings rewards. By putting continued effort into a creative venture, self-employment effort or romantic matter, this is the time you should be getting results.
LUCKY NUMBERS: 33-14-13-2-9-11

GEMINI May 22 - June 21
Career and financial trends should be your focus. A new rung on the ladder of success should soon be reached. Well-connected friends should play a big role to assist.
LUCKY NUMBERS: 2-20-11-26-34-29

CANCER June 22 - July 23
Circumstances may be separating you from past connections among friends or loved ones. Be willing to let these pass gracefully if they must. Future security looks good.
LUCKY NUMBERS: 18-7-42-39-19-8

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LEO July 24 - Aug. 23
Some may be involved in important joint financial matters. It would be premature to push too hard for finalization since new information may soon come to light.
LUCKY NUMBERS: 19-40-28-17-42-3

VIRGO Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
A rediscovery of love and support could come about. You may be introduced to a new social circle of creative friends or an interesting variety of stimulating people.
LUCKY NUMBERS: 11-35-34-20-14-9

LIBRA Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Harmonious conditions prevail in working from home base. Review details in important financial transactions that could bring this about.
LUCKY NUMBERS: 8-20-11-28-31-16

SCORPIO Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Favorable aspects may bring opportunities for advantage that could come through talents or romance interests. The element of surprise should work in your favor.
LUCKY NUMBERS: 34-38-9-2-37-32

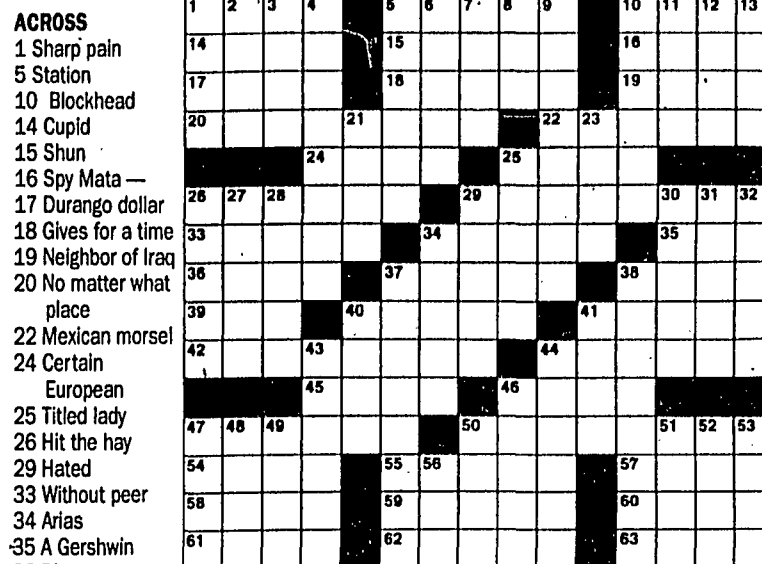
SAGITTARIUS Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Home activities are favored. Shared interests in metaphysics, religion, astrology or psychic awareness may bring you in contact with interesting new people.
LUCKY NUMBERS: 28-30-8-37-24-12

CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Take the initiative. Actions speak louder than words now. This is an excellent period to present new approaches and ideas you may be working on.
LUCKY NUMBERS: 37-25-38-1-7-13

AQUARIUS Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Hobbies, creative art, writing or musical talents should be pursued. Good public relations and word of mouth may circulate, bolstering your hopes.
LUCKY NUMBERS: 32-34-9-10-23-37

PISCES Feb. 20 - Mar. 20
Spend time doing what you like to do best. Positive conditions exist for expansion through a home-based hobby. Increasing efforts now can be rewarding.
LUCKY NUMBERS: 29-7-39-42-10-26

Weekly Crossword



ACROSS
1 Sharp pain
5 Station
10 Blockhead
14 Cupid
15 Shun
16 Spy Mata —
17 Durango dollar
18 Gives for a time
19 Neighbor of Iraq
20 No matter what place
22 Mexican morsel
24 Certain European
25 Titled lady
26 Hit the hay
29 Hated
33 Without peer
34 Arias
35 A Gershwin
36 Ding —
37 Change
38 Ski lift item
39 Mimic
40 Mount
41 Reagan cabinet member
42 Took umbrage
44 Dog
45 Count calories
46 Wall St. pessimist
47 Bookkeeping items
50 Military establishment
54 Mob scene
55 River ducks
57 Foolishly enthusiastic
58 Sea raptor
59 Good golf score
60 Aop
61 Unwanted plant
62 Metal waste
63 Require

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Answers to last week's puzzle

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Writing contest

SPY magazine is sponsoring a college writing contest. In 800 words or less, write about the idiosyncrasies of your school — the strange traditions, renowned parties, bizarre professors and lamest classes.

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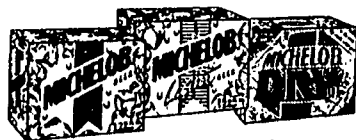


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